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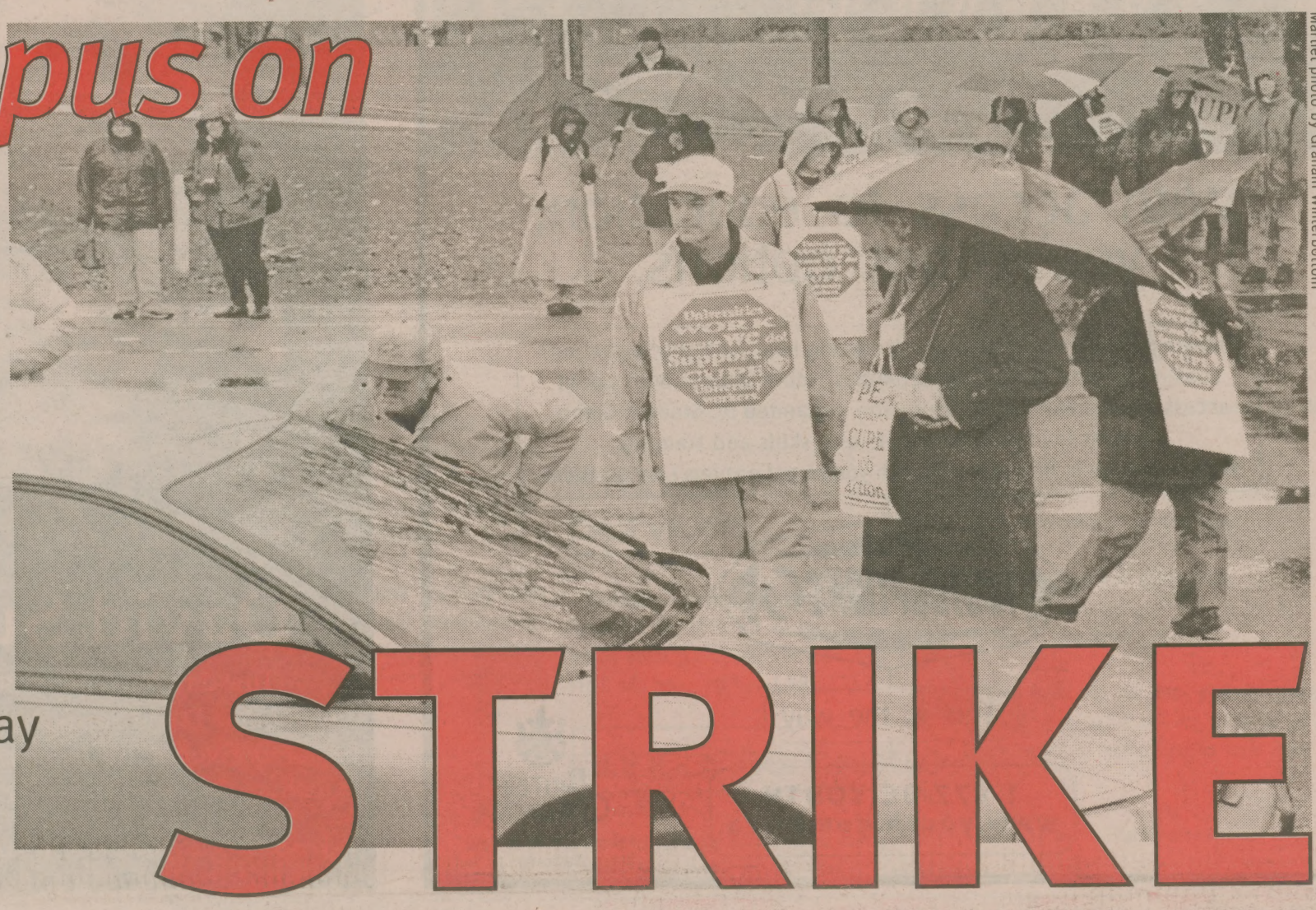

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Job action shuts down campus

BY PATTI EDGAR

Support staff stood in the rain for three hours Wednesday morning, marking the first strike in the 36-year history of the University of Victoria.

Members of UVic's Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) locals 951 and 917 — which represent about 1,000 UVic employees, including janitorial, food services, child care and office workers — picketed footpaths and roads leading onto campus and asked both students and employees not to cross the picket line.

Doug Sprenger, president of CUPE local 951, said the strike was meant to send a strong message to both administrators and the provincial government. After months of calling for the government to negotiate with B.C.'s support staff as a group, CUPE locals had their first two meetings with the government accord office and the university employer's association this month.

"We want the provincial accord talks to pick up and be over by Christmas," said Sprenger.

On the picket lines Nov. 24, student Eric Lescarbeau said he was supporting CUPE workers because they supported students during the 1995 student walk-out in protest of funding cuts.

"There aren't a lot of students crossing. A lot of cars are turning around, and compared to other mornings traffic is really low."

Students who did cross the picket line said they either didn't support CUPE workers or felt pressure to be in class.

"All my profs will still be there and will still be giving classes, so I feel like I'd be missing out," said Dustin Caere, a fourth-year education student.

Students who did choose to cross the line may have found their classes cancelled.

Members of the Professional Employees Association and CUPE Local 4163 (which represents 1,200 employees including teachers' assistants and sessionals) either respected the picket lines and didn't come to campus or joined support staff on the lines. As well, bus drivers and postal workers didn't enter Ring Road.

Thomas Cleary, president of the Faculty Association, said UVic's 600 faculty members had to make the personal choice of whether or not to cross the line. However, UVic communications director Bruce Kilpatrick said the university expects faculty to honour their employment contracts and teach their classes.

Professor Luke Roman, who taught a first-year Latin course in the Clearihue building during the strike, said he wouldn't comment on why he chose to cross the line.

"There were no penalties for my students. I specified they could come [to class] according to their own conscience."

Many issues haven't been resolved between CUPE and UVic, despite the fact that Local 951 and 917's contracts expired in March, said Sprenger.

Support staff are looking for wage increases that compare in percentage to recent faculty increases, improved pension plans, the creation of a long-term disability plan, and medical and dental plan improvements. Pay equity for employees working in areas such as housing, child care and food services was also a concern, along with employment guarantees to protect against contracting out services. CUPE would also like to see UVic either wave tuition fees for CUPE employees or create a bursary or scholarship program.

Kilpatrick won't comment on CUPE's concerns, but said the university is disappointed with the unions' decision to strike while there are still provincial negotiations underway.

"Something like this could detract from the discussion, but regardless the university is committed to continuing talks," said Kilpatrick on Monday.

If students chose not to cross the picket lines, they couldn't be academically penalized but are responsible for contacting their instructors to arrange making up missed material and tests, he added.

The University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) is urging students to stay off campus during a strike as both a sign of support for the strikers and a signal to UVic that students want the dispute to be resolved quickly.

"The administrators on this campus are very aware that their primary responsibility is to provide education to students," said Morgan Stewart, UVSS chair. "If it becomes clear that they can't provide quality education, they'll do something about it."

Joining support staff in the strike were representatives from CUPE locals at the University of British Columbia (UBC), Simon Fraser University (SFU) and the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), who are also working without contracts. While UNBC workers are still in mediation with their employer, at SFU workers are wrapping up mediation and preparing for a strike vote. UBC workers are waiting until essential services negotiations are completed to serve their own strike notice, said John Geppert, president of CUPE Local 116. UVic's locals booked out of mediated bargaining on Nov. 19.

–with files from Mike Cox and Tasha Marsden

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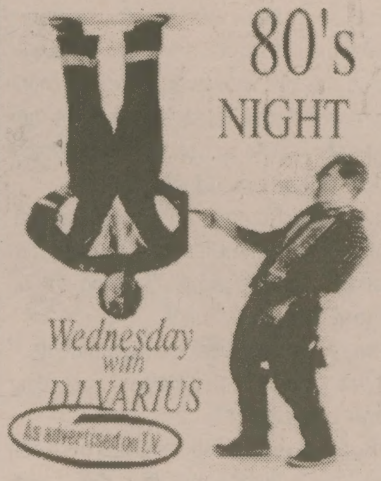

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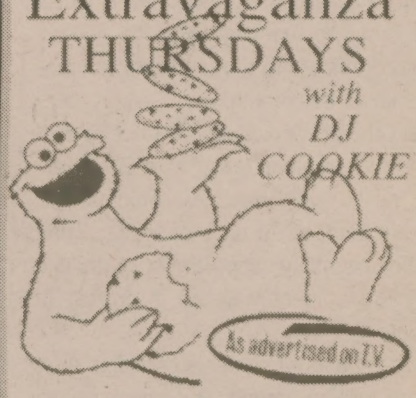

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Victorians protest World Trade Organization

BY BRENDA MARTIN AND MIKE COX

Placards, protest chants, swarms of political activists and a desire to stop corporate influences in the world.

These are only some of the things B.C. and Seattle will be seeing from Nov. 27 to Dec. 3 as students and activists unite to oppose the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Because the summit lasts seven days in Seattle, UVic students will have the opportunity to protest in Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle.

Victoria activists have scheduled a protest against the WTO for Nov. 27 at noon, but the university has also made academic concessions for students who want to go to Vancouver or Seattle over the weekend.

UVic senate passed a motion to excuse students from classes on Nov. 30 to attend any protests against the WTO. In a memo to all deans, directors and chairs, the senate asks that "any student who participates in this walkout not be penalized for their absence, and that no exams be scheduled on Nov. 30." "The academic concession has made it easier for students to take the day to go protest in Seattle. They are going there to protect their education," said Kari Worton, University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) director of academics.

Leanne Drumheller, an organizer for the Victoria protests, said the original protest date of Nov. 30 was changed for scheduling reasons.

"A lot of people who would be organizers for this kind of event would be in Seattle on the 30th."

The original intent of the Nov. 30 date was solidarity with protesters in Vancouver, but Drumheller said moving the date might allow more people from Victoria go over and protest at the Hyatt Regency on Nov. 30, where the B.C. Federation of Labour is holding a conference that will kick off with a WTO presentation.

Drumheller said up to 1,000 people could show up to the Victoria rally and there will be a number of university and community speakers.

"There will be an initial rally at Centennial Square and then we'll march over to Capital Six and meet with the projectionists to show union solidarity."

While all the speakers at the Victoria rally aren't confirmed, Drumheller said labour issues, third world debt, genetically engineered food, women's issues, health care, education, poverty and First Nations will all be discussed.

"A part of this is getting the message out to the mainstream in a way that's acceptable and palatable," Drumheller said of creating a province-wide awareness about the WTO.

Elisabeth Webster rallies with UVic students against the WTO.

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The Victoria rally will have a strong show of supporters, but Worton estimates up to 300 people from Victoria are heading to Seattle to protest the summit.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is paying for buses to drive students to Seattle. People on the buses are getting pre-approval for border crossing, but Worton said any students heading to Seattle should be honest when they go to cross the border.

"We've told everyone to get their passport and not to lie to the border guards," she said.

Worton said putting social services on the summit agenda is what has many students outraged.

"We [Canada] had always refused to talk about social services, but education and health care are on the agenda now," she said.

Academic speaks on paper economy

BY KEVIN SMITH

How is it that the big banks are making record profits, while most Canadians find it difficult to get food on the table?

Economist Jim Stanford, author of *The Paper Boom* spoke at UVic on Nov. 19 to discuss what he believes is a failing economic system in Canada.

"In Canada, one per cent of the population owns 40 per cent of the wealth," he said. "People only know about the unequal distribution of income and salaries, but not the unequal distribution of wealth."

Stanford made a distinction between the two personalities of our economy – the "paper economy" such as stocks and RRSPs and the "real economy" such as small business and public assets.

"Ninety five cents of every dollar in stock trading only exists on paper. Paper is worthless to most Canadians."

Stanford believes this lack of spending on real assets has marked a decline in both the economy and society.

"We spend less than two per cent of our [Gross Domestic Product] on public investment," said Stanford. "This can be easily seen by the conditions of our libraries, hospitals and the potholes on the roads."

He blames the discrepancy between spending on paper and real assets on the lack of profitability in investing in the real economy. "Those, such as the banks, who deal in the paper economy have made a record 13.3 per cent profit this year, while those who deal in the real economy made only 5.5 per cent profits. We need to emphasize real accumulation, not paper speculation."

Stanford proposed several radical solution, such as providing federal subsidies for corporations and banks to invest in the real economy.

He proposed a system that would impose heavier taxes on those making over a certain income.

"We have to close the loopholes that exist in taxing the rich," said Stanford. "Right now we are seeing Robin Hood in reverse."

on the spot

BY DANNI CRAWFORD AND DAVID BROWN

Will you be respecting CUPE's picket line on Wednesday? Why or why not?

dani lemon
2nd year english

"Yes, I will. Because I don't have classes that day and I can't get into the SUB to work. I don't usually support unions, but in this case, I don't have a choice."

craig windrin
3rd year political science

"Yup, I will. I have friends involved who are part of CUPE local. They have important concerns which need to be addressed and respected by students."

shaina crook
1st year humanities

"No. They just want more money and in return they will perform their jobs better. I don't agree with their demands."

leah farrow
3rd year social sciences

"Yes, because I would like to support the union and I don't want to disrespect their wishes."

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Young candidates win local council positions

BY KRISTIN FRONEMAN

When the smoke cleared after the polls closed this past Saturday, the face of politics in the greater Victoria area emerged with fewer wrinkles and a lot more vigour.

Young-blooded candidates Art Vanden Berg and Rob Fleming — who ran under the Green Party and Victoria Civic Electors parties respectively — won seats on Victoria city council with a large margin of the popular vote. At 28, both say they have the energy and vision to bring Victoria into the 21st century.

In Central Saanich Chris Graham, a 21-year-old UVic economics student, held on to his seat for a second term with a third-place victory, coming only eight votes away from the number one seat.

"Now I've proven myself," said the self-described right-wing environmentalist, who was first elected while in high school. "I probably got more of the younger vote than the others, but I also received a lot of support from seniors who said I was doing a great job."

Vanden Berg, a computer programmer, received more than 5,000 votes putting him in the seventh council spot, just above incumbent Jane Lunt. He said part of his success came from a high voter turn-out which indicated that a lot of students made it to the polls.

"I met quite a few people in their early 20s that said 'I'm voting for you.'" he said.

Fleming, former chair of the University of Victoria Students' Society and a fourth-year history student, said the long line-up of young people outside Victoria Highschool's polling station was a strong indication of why he and Vanden Berg received most of the votes in Fernwood — a neighbourhood that's a popular choice to live among students.

"I think youth worked to my advantage," said Fleming. "I spent a lot of time on this campaign re-enfranchising young people. People knew my record from the student society."

Fleming and Vanden Berg both said that although their campaigns were not age-specific, they did voice their opposition to issues such as the anti-panhandling and street camping bylaws which effect young people.

"I think the signal was received by citizens who said it hurts Victoria to have some bylaws that are anti-young and anti-poor," said Vanden Berg. "Bylaws such as anti-street camping and bongo playing are asinine. They're nuts."

Fleming agreed, saying the last council was out of touch by pushing these issues.

Warren Magnusson, a professor of urban politics and political theory at UVic, said he is happy some of the younger candidates were elected.

"I certainly think it's a good sign the new generation is getting involved with municipal politics. It's a good place to start where issues ought to concern us most."

Magnusson said young politicians have an advantage because they often don't have the pressures of family life and they can invigorate municipal councils with much needed energy and enthusiasm.

"Older people don't necessarily know more than the young," he said. "As soon as they [young candidates] are elected, they command respect and if other politicians are smart they will cultivate young people."

The election is over but the issues that students were talking about aren't.

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B.C. explores oil drilling option

BY ANGELICA MONTGOMERY

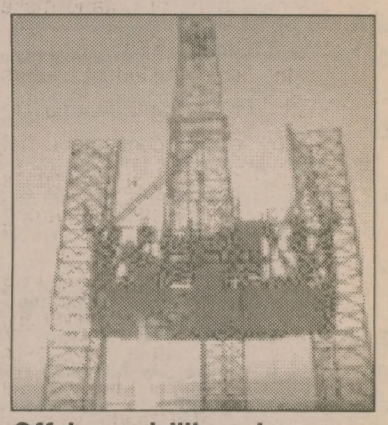
Since 1971, a moratorium has banned oil and gas extraction from B.C. waters, but public consultations are underway to explore the province's potential move on tapping into the resource.

The pacific coast may contain 43 trillion cubic feet of gas and 10 billion barrels of oil, according to the 1998 Geological Survey of Canada. However, environmentalists and businesses are at odds as the province considers exploring and drilling into B.C.'s oceans.

John Backhouse, Northern Development Commissioner, appointed Sanlaing Communications to investigate public opinion after being approached by northwest businesses and politicians.

In September, the company reported there was "significant community will to go forward" with exploration.

However, the B.C. Alliance for the Preservation of the Offshore Oil and Gas Moratorium disagrees.



Offshore drilling rig.
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It's very suspect when companies say they have overwhelming support

"It's very suspect when they say they have overwhelming support," said Jennifer Lash, spokesperson for the organization.

Members of the B.C. Alliance include several environmental organizations, Beecher Bay First Nations, and the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union. The alliance is calling on the federal and provincial governments to maintain the moratorium, which also restricts the passage of oil tankers through the area.

Although the northwestern survey included roughly 140 people, Lash questions whether the agency consulted a wide range of groups. "There's no discussion of sea claims," she said, "and all the First Nations have sea claims."

Because of the controversial nature of this subject, Sanlaing Communications won't reveal who was consulted in determining support. Backhouse insists carrying out private consultations, rather than public meetings, "provides them with privacy and confidence" so people can speak freely on this contentious issue.

The controversy emerges from the battle between environmental concerns and the frail economy in the province's resource-based northwest.

Estimates on the number of jobs that could be created if the moratorium is lifted range from a few hundred to a few thousand.

But supporters of the moratorium say most of the jobs wouldn't employ locals from the northwest.

"The jobs are highly specialized and technical," said Lash, adding that a large scope of both industries is automated.

"Once you get the industry established it is highly automated," agrees Ron Britton, spokesperson from Methanex, a company that refines natural gas in Kitamat. However, he says development could still offer employment for the area if local workers are trained.

The alliance fears the threat of oil blow-outs — when the oil well itself explodes — poses too much of an ecological threat for B.C.'s coastal waters. Though the industry has developed anti-blow-out technology, Lash believes it is still inadequate. "The biggest oil spill that has occurred is the Itox spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and that had the anti-blow-out technology," she said.

Oil rigs off the coast of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland sit on fairly stable land, but B.C.'s coast forms an earthquake zone. "We don't have anywhere near the stability," said Lash. "If we have an earthquake it can be very bad."

Though Britton believes earthquakes should be a concern, he points out oil and gas is extracted from several earthquake zones across the world.

Even without excessive spills, Lash argues oil routinely seeps into ocean water during drilling. In 1997, the British coast guard's Maritime Pollution Control Unit listed oil and gas exploration and production as their country's main source of pollution.

Oil is destructive to sea birds, fish, shellfish, and the eggs and larvae of sea life. "It can just suffocate everything," said Lash.

The techniques used in oil exploration may also damage ocean life, Lash said. In order to map the sea bed, oil companies tow three dozen high-pressure air guns behind a boat. She worries this may damage fish, eggs, and larvae. According to Lash, the 1999 Department of Fisheries report suggested that seismic testing effects fish catch rates and spawning behaviour.

Britton said innovations in the industry have made extraction safer. "Technology for finding and developing oil is much more ecologically sensitive," he said. "The risk is significantly reduced."

Sanlaing Communications will submit the final copy of their review to the province on 31 July, 2000.

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UVic chooses new president

BY PATTI EDGAR

Can an administrator from a conservative university operating in the cost-cutting climate of Ontario make it as UVic's next president?

That's the question student leaders from both Kingston and Victoria are asking after the announcement that Queen's vice-principal of academics David Turpin will replace David Strong in September 2000.

After nearly five months of looking for a new leader for the university, UVic's search committee has chosen Turpin — a biologist and fellow in the Royal Society of Canada who, in between administrative duties, studies the interactions between photosynthesis, respiration and nitrogen assimilation in plants and algae.

"He comes from a completely different political environment," said Morgan Stewart, chair of UVic Students' Society. "When he comes here he better have his antenna out because this will be very different...[UVic] will be nothing like Queen's."

The incoming president agrees. Hand-picked by a search consultant for the job, Turpin said he plans on visiting the campus and meeting with people both within and outside of the UVic community in the next few months.

"I've got an awful lot to learn about UVic and post-secondary education in B.C.," he said in a phone interview. "I'm really serious about wanting to hear from people."

As UVic's new president, Turpin's duties will include raising funds and encouraging partnerships with alumni, business and government, being a public advocate for the university, and ensuring UVic's education and research standards remain high while the faculty and staff are top notch.

In a decade where the federal government has cut cash payments to the provinces and the provincial government has frozen tuition fees, UVic's new president will have to make tough decisions. Larger class sizes, fewer library holdings, canceled programs and retiring staff who aren't replaced are all problems at UVic, said Strong in a September interview.

Although Turpin is cautious about commenting on his plans for UVic before learning more about the institution, he said one of his key focuses is delivering accessible, quality education. As a fund-raiser, he says he'll have to find the balance between individual and corporate donations, while maintaining the autonomy of UVic.

"The most important thing is to know what your priorities are and when you know what they are, allocate funding to those areas," said Turpin, who was the force behind developing Queen's principles and priorities document in 1996.

Sarah Corman, president of Queen's student society, said Turpin was a supporter of tuition deregulation and increased corporate partnerships in the climate of the Ontario government's hefty cutbacks to post-secondary education.

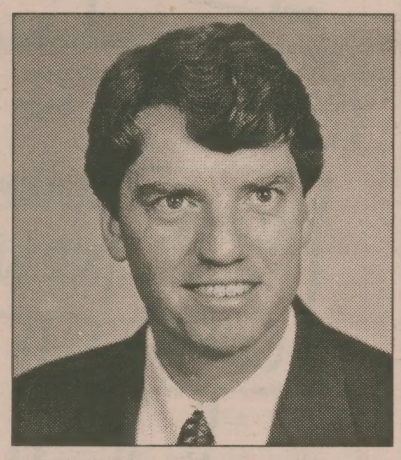
"Queen's prides itself on a high quality education so in a sense it wasn't an option," says Corman.

At Queen's, both the engineering and commerce programs operate with corporate partnerships, said Corman. Increasing funding from non-government sources is written into the university's list of priorities.

Tuition has also increased considerably at Queen's in the last few years.

The average cost of one year at Queen's is $5,000, while tuition for programs like engineering and commerce have jumped 30 and 41 per cent respectively. Programs such as law and medicine cost between $6,000 and $9,000 a year. A master of business is $30,000.

Both Corman and Turpin point out that they worked together to make sure a portion of the money from the higher tuition fees went into bursaries for students who can't afford the cost of the programs. Compared to other Ontario universities, Queen's has the highest percentage of its budget spent on financial programs for students, according to Corman.



UVic's future president David Turpin.

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Stewart said Victoria students won't put up with such tactics for replacing lost revenues.

"If [Turpin] comes here to refight old battles it won't be hard for students to win them, but it wouldn't be productive either," said Stewart, who believes the federal government should put more money towards post-secondary education, not students or corporations.

Regardless, Stewart is cautiously optimistic about Turpin's arrival. The incoming president has already contacted Stewart in an effort to open lines of communication between himself and UVic students.

At Queen's, Turpin is the administrator known for taking the time to listen to students, and has on occasion acted on the suggestions of Queen's students, said Corman.

"Regardless of whether or not you agree with what he's saying, you know a lot of attention and thought has gone into it."

Protesters back in Elaho

BY DAVID BROWN

Two protesters have returned to the Elaho Valley old-growth forest to stop the construction of logging roads.

The protesters, who set up camp on Nov. 2, are representing Friends of the Elaho, one of two environmental groups trying to stop logging in the area.

Marie-Claire Seebohm, a member of Friends of the Elaho, said the organization has six active members, but up to 50 non-permanent members. She said her organization and the Western Canadian Wilderness Committee (WCWC) — the other environmentalist group working in the valley in the Stoltmann Wilderness near Squamish— are working independent of each other.

"The WCWC is not protesting, they are doing field research, cataloguing species, and working to establish a network of trails where people can go hiking," she said.

"[The Friends of the Elaho] are non-violent Canadian heroes. Their actions have certainly drawn attention to the area," said Ken Wu, a member of the WCWC.

Unlike WCWC, Friends of the Elaho want logging stopped completely until the government passes or declines a proposal to turn the valley into a national park. Seebohm said declaring the area a national park is a long, drawn out process, and doesn't expect the designation to go through. Wu is more optimistic.

"We're pretty confident we're protecting the area," he said, "there's interest [in a park designation] from provincial and federal governments, but it's not high enough yet." The WCWC plans to continue raising awareness until the park receives adequate protection.

For the past two weeks, Friends of the Elaho have halted their protests in the valley. Unlike the WCWC, their efforts have been stopped by heavy snowfall, not by violence.

On Sept. 15, International Forest Products (Interfor) and Elaho Valley Logging Company trucks surrounded a WCWC-affiliated camp. Protesters allege that several workers attacked the conservationists, severely injuring three people, smashing cameras and burning down the camp. Since the incident, there has been no further aggression, said Wu.

Wu attributed Interfor's declining stock value to the negative media it has been receiving in Canada, as well as the circulation of an anti-Interfor video in Europe. The video, entitled "Hoods in the Woods," contains clips from the assault on the WCWC camp.

The RCMP has reviewed the September incident and lawsuits are being directed at individual loggers. Seven of the loggers in question received court summons on Nov. 21.

"Finally, the RCMP, under tremendous pressure, are proceeding with making recommendations for charges of assault," said Wu, who accused the police of negligence last month. In an October interview, an Interfor employee said the company was not responsible for the attack.

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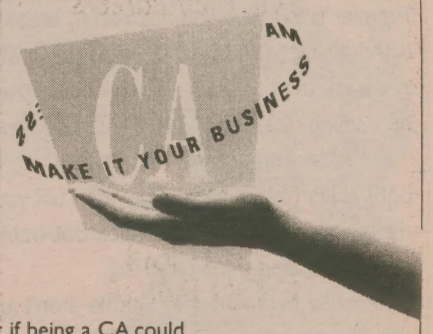

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Don't do something:

This week picket lines went up around campus. Either you noticed them, or you've been sniffing glue.

CUPE locals 917 and 951 were the ones who struck. They represent maintenance and food workers, and office, technical and childcare workers. They're pretty upset. If you were one of them, you'd be pretty upset too. They haven't had a contract in almost one year. UVic has offered wage increases of zero, zero and two per cent. In this city, that doesn't go too far.

There are other issues too. Pensions, long term disability, medical, dental, vacations, hours, pay equity and a scholarship program for dependents. These are all important issues.

If the administration doesn't settle with the workers, we're looking at more strikes. The Martlet's message to students, faculty or whoever is this: don't cross the picket line.

For a strike to be successful, you have to stop production. In a university, that means teaching and research. If you cross the line and come to school anyway, production continues, albeit at a much slower pace. The workers, meanwhile, get screwed.

But even then, it's in your own interest not to cross the line. The quicker the strike ends, the sooner we get back to class. If the administration sees that students are supporting the workers, then they're not going to have any choice but to reach a quick agreement, and we can all get back to our normal lives. If you live in residence, just don't go to class.

And for those worried about missing exams or tutorials, the rules say you can't be penalized for not showing up. If a teacher tells you differently, take it to the UVic Senate. Your teacher will be penalized, not you.

In the meantime, if you're concerned, there are a few things you can do. You can let the administration know how you feel.

Call Vice-President of Finance Jack Falk at 721-1018, or e-mail him at falk@uvvm.uvic.ca. Send a letter to Minister of Education Andrew Petter. Or go out and walk the line with the workers. Call 721-8370 and they'll give you a hand figuring out where and when you should show up.

So the moral of this story is: don't cross that line!

Do something:

As you've probably heard by now, several times over, the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Millennium Round is happening next week in Seattle. Leaders of 134 nations are getting together to decide how they can increase trade.

It's a nice idea, increasing trade. More trade means more goods, more goods mean more jobs, and more jobs means a better standard of living for the world's people.

But unfortunately, what they have in mind at the WTO isn't that kind of trade. It's more along the lines of cheaper labour, easier access to resources and more money for the northern world's corporations.

There isn't the room right now to get into details. Suffice to say, if you care about the environment, labour rights, education, democracy and the world's indigenous people, the WTO is bad news.

That's why Seattle is expecting 100,000 ordinary citizens to show up on Nov. 30. A lot of Victorians are going, including a lot of UVic students.

They're going because they care. But what if you care, but you can't get to Seattle? There's lots you can do in town. On Saturday, Nov. 27 at 12 noon, Victoria will be having a protest of its own in Centennial Square, next to City Hall. Hopefully, that's not too far to go, and it should be a lot of fun. Also, it's been proven time and time again that people do in fact read letters to the editor: So start writing some.

Write the *Times Colonist*, the *National Post*, the *Globe and Mail* and the papers in your hometown. Magazines usually accept them too. Tell them what you think of the WTO, and why we should do our best to get rid of it. A good letter writing guide is available at Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, an American media advocacy group. Their URL is www.fair.org.

Write to your elected officials, and not just the Prime Minister. Write to Premier Dan Miller and ask him to pressure the Federal Government into withdrawing from the WTO. Write your MP and MLA, and make sure they get back to you. Tell your municipal governments, in Victoria and in your hometown, that you'd like a resolution passed condemning the WTO.

But most importantly, inform yourself. Read as much as you can, from both sides of the issue. Only then will you really be able to speak up and make your voice heard. Check out books, pamphlets, websites, magazines, newspapers, everything.

Because those guys in Seattle aren't just deciding their futures: they're deciding yours.

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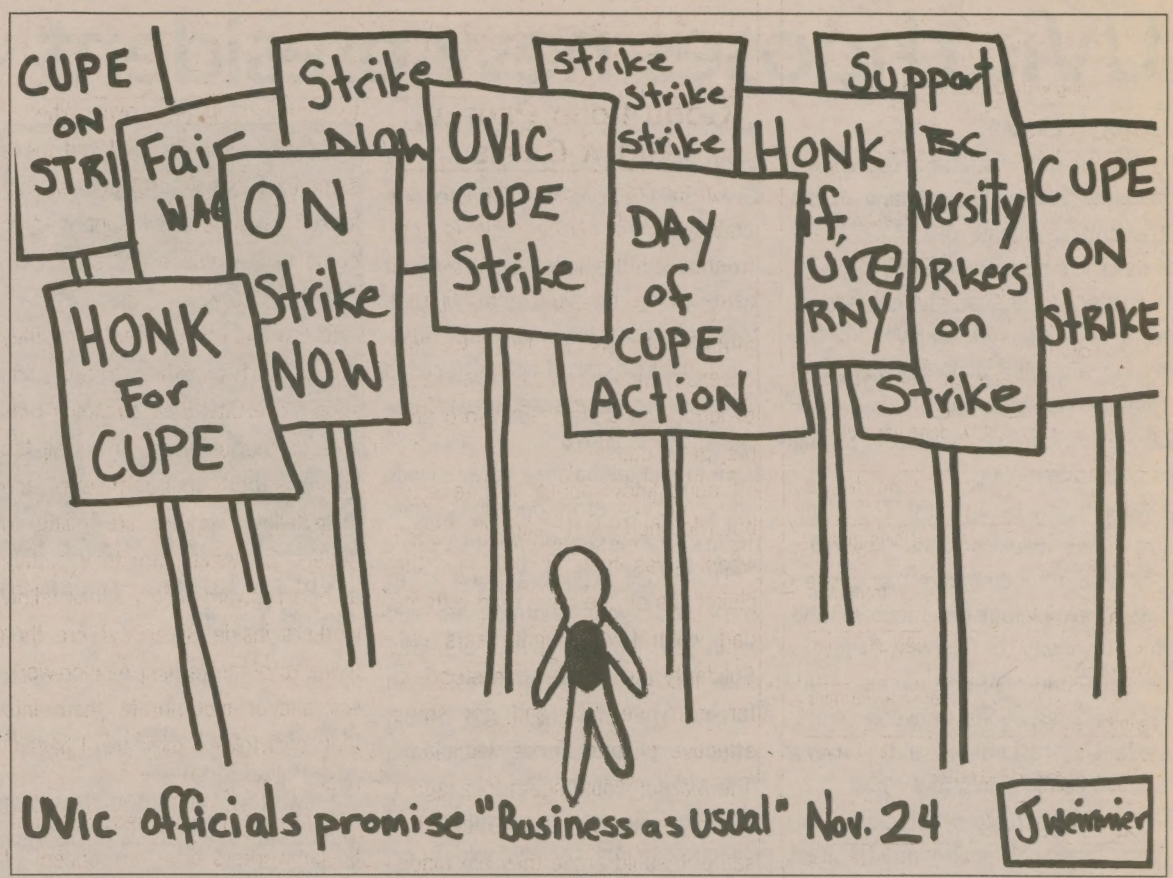

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UVSS too quick to judge YPY

This letter is in response to the UVSS' recent decision to revoke the club status of Youth Protecting Youth and to the subsequent article written by the Martlet.

First and foremost, Youth Protecting Youth is not "anti-choice." The freedom of choice in any matter is an absolute right of any human being. YPY simply supports one of the choices in the matter of abortion – that is, life. By labeling any club or person who chooses and promotes one alternative as "anti-choice" is ridiculous. As in the case with any religious or political group on campus, each individual is entitled to promote one option out of a variety of choices in accordance with their values. This in no way affects another person's freedom of choice. Young Liberals, for example, in no way inhibit a person's political choice by simply choosing an alternative which is different from the Progressive Conservatives. Likewise, the Catholic Student's Association does not threaten freedom of choice in the matter of religion simply because it supports a view different from the Baha'i faith. In the end, the freedom of choice rests with the individual and the matter of abortion is no different.

With regards to the posters put up by this club, it would seem a reasonable expectation that any poster stamped for approval by the UVSS would be approved and acceptable in the eyes of the UVSS. It is a justifiable assumption. As it turned out, this was a misunderstanding on both sides, and although clarification of the issue was necessary, it certainly does not merit the revoking of a club's status.

It is clear that the decision to revoke the club's status was not made by an objective Board of Directors, but rather a select group of individuals governed by their own personal opinions and views. Director-at-Large Stacey Slager's claim that correspondence to the UVSS shows "clear" supports from UVic students for revoking the club's status consisted of a mere four letters handed to the Board – apparently she feels this is an accurate representation of the more than 16,000 students on this campus. With all due respect to these directors, whether they support abortion or not, their personal opinions have no place in this debate. UVSS policy does not support the freedom of choice in the matter of abortion. This includes all choices, whether you prefer one over the other or not. UVSS policy is not pro-abortion and it is not anti-life. The board of directors should represent that policy. Whether you support the choice of abortion or oppose it is not the issue. The issue is the freedom of speech and expression, a freedom entitled to everyone.

Peter Nishimura

Those skilled *Martlet* reporters

I have just been reading this week's copy of *the Martlet* (Nov. 18.) In this edition, and during the last few weeks, I have noticed some very hostile opinions expressed about the campus newspaper – and I don't really understand the justification.

Some of you have complained about unskilled reporting, writing, editing, etc. Ignoring the truth of this statement, these are not paid workers – they're students. They're taking a break from their term papers to put together articles on issues that interest them. I'd like to thank them for bothering at all.

For those of you who do not appreciate the leftist/activist slant of the paper – let's examine the situation a bit more. Conrad Black's newspapers (is it 60% of Canadian dailies?), our own Times Colonist and the Ring (not to mention the vast world of sensationalized t.v. newscasting) all give a rightist, and often distorted, presentation of the "facts." I, for one, am delighted that there are at least a few sources of alternate viewpoints out there. And, may I remind you, newspapers originally expressed violently opposing opinions, according to the views of the paper's editor (I'm not sure where the concept of "unbiased reporting" came from – there's always an opinion behind the writing.) I find that *the Martlet* is at least less hypocritical than the mainstream press which tries to pass itself off as impartial.

Anyway, I just wanted to emphasize that there are those out there who support *the Martlet* and its views. Besides, do we really need another paper like all the rest?

Kirsten Larmon

Patti's a pinko nut bar

Most people would agree that in order to critically evaluate something you should know what you are evaluating. Patti Edgar wrote an article for the Nov. 18 issue "A date with the Fraser Institute." She condemned a free social policy conference put on by the Fraser Institute. I have two problems with her critique of the conference. Primarily, she only attended one of the four lectures. It was meant to be a full day conference, not a quarter day conference. She criticized the students that attended, she criticized the speakers, the format and the views presented. That is quite a bit of condemnation for someone who was not there for the three primary lectures.

My second contention with her "evaluation" was that she overlooked the reason for the conference. It was meant to be a day for students to gather and hear a perspective on a social policy issue. Of course, no issue can be presented value or bias free. But that is the beauty of people. We all have different values, beliefs and views. The conference allowed for discussion of the topic after each speaker was finished. This allowed for people with questions or opposing views to challenge the presenters' ideas. This is how people learn to think critically. We need to be challenged. If you placidly agreed with everything the speakers said, you were not learning anything. Perhaps you were at the conference with the wrong intentions. I hope your poisoned evaluation doesn't dissuade any students from attending such conferences in the future.

Crystal White

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Does Dec. 6 mean something to you?

The Martlet is setting aside extra space for student voices in our Dec. 2 issue in memory of the Montreal Massacre.
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All submissions must include a name and contact number.

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Good Lord People, Get a Cause

On the front page of the Nov. 18 edition of *the Martlet*, one is confronted with the headline "Would you cross this picket line?" Is *the Martlet* suggesting going to the new SilverCity Movie Complex is an issue of labour solidarity? Good lord people, get a cause.

I don't know about anyone else, but I learned what solidarity meant when I was hanging out near the picket line on the mine road with my dad when I was eight years old. Solidarity meant everyone stood up for everyone else and got some effective change in the workplace. *The Martlet* would seem to suggest the projectionists are exactly the same: I would argue they are fundamentally not.

As I understand it, here we have a union of former tradesmen who have, through the course of technology, been gradually made into unskilled labour. As this happens, though, they pretend that their workplace issues are fundamentally different from the guy/girl that shovels popcorn in the lobby and exclude him/her and all his/her co-workers from their organization. This directly results in those who are not organized in the former union being put into unorganized minimum wage positions. In turn, this also means that these same workers are having to organize on their own. When it eventually comes around that these same exclusionary projectionists are locked out, we're all supposed to come to the rescue and stand with them?

To top this off, the next thing they do is start picketing a non-union shop (SilverCity) their employer runs in a deliberate effort to curtail the business both their employer and their fellow workers are going to depend on. Again, are they putting an effort towards helping their fellow workers inside SilverCity? Are they trying to organize their new co-workers and/or incorporate them into their own fold? If they are, I haven't heard about it.

As far as I'm concerned, these particular workers have no concept of solidarity beyond what will benefit themselves. I wish *the Martlet* would at least consider just such a concept before they blindly stand on this questionable organization's side. By blindly pursuing a measure of solidarity here, they are doing nothing more than misrepresenting what worker solidarity means and committing a sin against those they should be standing up for. In short, if I wanted to be given the mushroom treatment on labour issues such as *the Martlet* is doing here, I'd read the *National Post*.

Darryl Phaneuf

Blood donors and safety standards

Canadian Blood Services (CBS) wishes to thank UVic students, faculty and staff who donated a total of 344 units of blood at the recent three-day clinic held at the University of Victoria.

The policy about who can give blood is governed by regulations set by the Bureau of Biologies and Radiopharmaceuticals (BBR) of Canada, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the United States. Canadian Blood Services is regulated by both these organizations. Regulations cover every aspect of our operations, including documentation such as the Record of Donation. Both the BBR and the FDA require blood collection agencies, including the CBS, to exclude men who have had sex with other men from donating blood.

The rationale behind this regulation is based on current scientific knowledge that shows men who have had sex with other men are at greater risk for HIV/AIDS infection than other people.

Since the AIDS epidemic began, about 75 per cent of reported AIDS cases in Canada have been traced to transmission from one male to another male during a variety of forms of sexual contact. Studies of the presence of antibodies to the virus confirm that the infection with HIV is found more often among men who have had sex with other men. Based on this scientific evidence, and to maintain the highest safety standards available, a man who has had sex with another man even once since 1977 is not eligible to donate blood in Canada or the United States.

We understand that this policy may offend some people but our paramount concern is maintaining the safety of the blood supply for all Canadians. We apply strict standards about who can and who cannot donate blood. It must be recognized that blood is a biological product and as such, cannot be guaranteed to be 100 per cent safe. Therefore, efforts to maintain the utmost safety of the blood supply has a number of components including blood recruitment, stringent donor selection criteria, education regarding post-donation recalls and laboratory testing.

Despite long line-ups on occasion and the various steps required prior to giving blood, we believe UVic students understand and appreciate the importance of the process involved in a blood donation.

As a potential blood transfusion recipient, we hope you will understand our efforts to keep the blood system as safe as possible.

Dr. Anil Mangal

student voice

In defense of Youth Protecting Youth

By Agatha Mutooni

It was with great shock that I read your article in the Nov. 4 edition of your paper, that stated that the YPY was recently stripped of its club status, simply because it put up posters that were interpreted as Pro-life. I just recently discovered that part of the UVSS policy is to support the right to choice.

My first question would be this: Who sets out the mandate for what type of clubs can be endorsed by the UVSS? I feel it is utterly ridiculous that the UVSS is able to make some arbitrary blanket decision that reflects an opinion that is not necessarily one held by the entire student body (read: we are not all Pro-Choice.) As a female, I don't feel that Pro-lifers try and curtail the rights of women in any way. The pro-life movement is about protecting the unborn child. It is not about the oppression of women. If the UVSS feels that a PRO-ABORTION club (read: Right to Reproductive Choice) can receive endorsement but a "supposedly" PRO-LIFE club can't, I feel that YPY has every right to take legal action against the UVSS, because the UVSS is certainly oppressing their rights.

How is it that the mandate of the UVSS allows it to give a significant portion of our student fees to *the Martlet*, a newspaper that publishes articles with titles such as "If I'm Hog-tied, I'm happy," in which the author ended with the inspirational phrase "Don your leather, your lace, or your PVC and fornicate to your hearts content," and not let a club whose main purpose is to educate youth about moral reproductive choices get any funding?

I have heard practically every pro-choice argument. So here are my pro-life ones.

I am and opposed to abortions for the following reasons:

1. Even if someone believes that abortions are acceptable, then at least consider this:

A. Most of the abortion methods are cruel, extremely inhumane, and very painful for the fetus/baby.

B. If you intend to kill the fetus, then do so in a humane way. If the equivalent methods of abortion were used to kill animals at the dog pound, the SPCA and other animal groups.....well, you get the idea.

C. The dangers associated with abortions are not explained clearly. Though most people believe that abortions are completely safe, there are many dangers physically and psychologically (infection, infertility, bleeding, depression, and suicide, just to name a few.)

2. Abortions go against my belief in liberty and justice.

A. Liberty to choose for one's self requires that, as free individuals, we are responsible for our actions and the consequences thereof.

B. Justice is when you get what you deserve.

3. A woman should have the right to do with her own body what she wishes, but when she does what she wants to do, and as a result becomes pregnant, she has done what she wanted to do with her own body. However, when she goes for an abortion, she is doing something to someone else's body.

4. What has the unborn done to deserve death? NOTHING! It is not at fault for anything including its own existence, and yet it is expected to pay with its life with no trial, no jury, and no say in what happens to it.

5. Every one knows that sex will result in a pregnancy, so sexually active people (and everyone else) should be responsible for their own actions unless they are not free. Freedom carries with it a requirement that you must accept responsibility for your own actions.

6. Pro-abortionists say: "If you don't like abortions, then don't have one." My response to them is: "That is a great logical process; you just changed my mind; I think I'll apply that to the rest of my philosophy and change my opinions about everything else too..."

"If you don't like rape, then don't rape anyone...but let those who want to rape go ahead and do it... it's their RIGHT TO CHOICE"

"If you don't like murder, then don't murder anyone...but let those who want to murder go ahead...it's their RIGHT TO CHOICE."

"If you don't like sexually transmitted diseases, then don't transmit one...but if I have one and CHOOSE to transmit it...it's my RIGHT TO CHOICE."

"If you don't like terrorism, then don't bomb anyone.....you get the idea."

As you can see, this type of thinking is anarchic, at worst. Basically, it says: "Shut up and let me do what I want; I don't care how it affects anyone else; I just want to do what I want to do." It is very self-centred and childish.

7. Another claim by abortionists is that the fetus is part of the woman's body and has no more consequences than removing some unwanted flesh. My response to that is: "If you smash your hand in a car door who feels the pain? You do! No one else, not your friends, your father, nor your mother. That PROVES that YOU ARE A SEPARATE HUMAN BEING, because you feel your own pain. If the fetus feels it's own pain, then that would make it a separate human being too."

CAPITALIZING ON
THE WTO AND PUBL

It's early in the twenty first century and students don't go to university any more; they go the the mall. At least that's what it looks like. Text books are written by Disney, cafeterias are run by McDonald's and Microsoft charges by the hour in the computer lab. Everywhere students turn, advertising abounds. Free thought? Forget it. Someone owns your thoughts.

This may sound outrageous but the World Trade Organization (WTO) has created a set of rules which could allow the creation of this situation. In 1994, when the WTO was created, many of its member countries—including Canada—signed the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS). GATS promotes privatization and global competition in the service sector, which has left critics in various stages of shock and outrage.

Up until now, public services have been shielded from GATS regulations. Their inclusion in the WTO can only proceed if governments agree to expand GATS trading rules. This could happen when representatives from the WTO countries meet in Seattle at the end of this month.

"Both public health care and education will be open for competition by privately owned services," said Steven Shrybman, author of *A Citizen's Guide to the WTO*. "The WTO, with its triumvirate mantra of deregulation, privatization, and free-trade, sees publicly operated services as a hindrance to economic opportunity and growth."

Shrybman was on the University of Victoria campus Nov. 17, and spoke at great length to an audience of students about the implication of the WTO. He described the organization as having come into being largely as "an act of stealth," and said it "represents the interests of the corporate elite." He attacked the WTO for creating rules of trade which do not address the real problems of the world. GATS, he said, is an example of corporations serving their own interests while encouraging social decline.

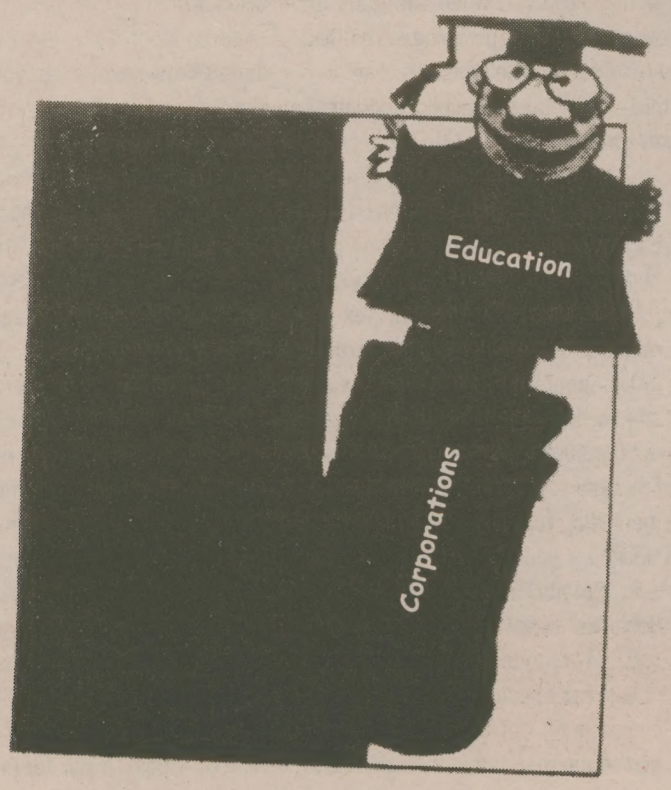
According to a document posted online by Education International, over a trillion dollars is spent annually on education across the globe, with $27 billion U.S. of trade in education alone carried out in 1994. But what is trade in education? According to the WTO's own definitions posted on their website, trade in services — be it healthcare, airlines, or education — can take four basic forms:

1. The supply of a service from the territory of one country into the territory of another country. (ie. distance education delivered via mail or Internet.)

2. The supply of a service to a citizen foreign to the territory where that service is consumed. (i.e. study abroad.)

3. The commercial presence of a service supplier from one country in the territory of another. (i.e. a foreign-owned university operating on domestic soil.)

4. The presence of people from one country supplying a service in countries foreign to them. (i.e. courses offered by foreign professors.)



The WTO has "insidious" methods of enforcing its trade rules, warns Shrybman.

"The WTO has a chilling effect on domestic governments which would like to have sensible trade regulations. But the WTO has this belief in growth at all costs... and will punish those who stand in the way."

Shrybman spoke of a case in 1998 where the United States demanded all domestic shrimp-fishers use nets with built-in outlets that allow sea turtles tangled in the nets a way to escape. This was a dictation of the Endangered Species Act. "Naturally, they expected that foreign suppliers of [shrimp] to the US would do the same, and had a law which required that." Four Asian nations challenged the American regulation of the WTO. The WTO's dispute resolution body decided that for the U.S. to require turtle-escape nets be used by foreign countries was against the organization's rules. The WTO made a ruling: either scrap the law, or pay millions in damages to the affected countries. The U.S. government is now considering ways to change the law to comply with the WTO ruling.

Similar sanctions could be levied against countries that do not allow for the unregulated trade of education services. Libby Davies, federal New Democratic Party education critic, worries that Canada's education is about to fall prey to WTO control. Speaking in the House of Commons on Nov. 16, she said that global corporations are "itching to profit from Canada's schools and hospitals" and that the federal government is poised for the first time to put health and education on the table.

In response, Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of International Trade, said Canada's universal health care and education will not be subject to any international trade rules unless Canada first accepts those rules. This came just days after Pettigrew had released a contradictory document stating that neither education nor healthcare would be exempt from WTO negotiations.

Responding to Pettigrew's contradictory statements, Shrybman did not mince his words. "I have learned never to put off to deceit what you can attribute to incompetence. Pettigrew is either lying or hasn't been sufficiently briefed." He noted that Canada signed a WTO entry agreement in 1994 that requires the country to gradually expand the realm of services covered by GATS. According to Shrybman, Canada has taken no steps to exempt education or health care from GATS negotiations.

At a B.C. Teachers Federation (BCTF) sponsored teach-in on the WTO and education held Nov. 9 in Vancouver, Ellen Gould spoke about Canada's willingness to follow the WTO's lead into negotiations.

Gould, a contract researcher on trade and investment issues, produced documents outlining the WTO's and Canada's own backgrounders on education policy. Her audience of students, education professionals and media grew quiet as she read paragraphs from both: entire sentences of each policy document were identical to the word. She accused Canada of plagiarizing education policy word for word from the WTO.

"Canada's federal education policy is effectively being written by the WTO," she told the audience. Gould pointed out that according to WTO law, unless a public service is entirely government-funded, and not in direct competition with private enterprise, it is eligible to be deregulated at negotiations in the WTO.

She then went on to describe what effects the WTO could have on Canada's education system.

"Government standards for credentials of educational professionals and institutions would be subject to WTO review to ensure they are not 'more burdensome than necessary to achieve the quality of the service,'" she said, citing a clause from GATS.

Gould pointed to other GATS clauses which could water down the quality of the education systems of Canada and the world.

Canada, she said, would not be in a position to prevent foreign private investors from establishing education facilities on Canadian soil. Because the WTO does not allow for discrimination between providers of educational services, if Canada wanted to subsidize its own education system, it would have to extend equal subsidies to all private operations offering similar curriculums.

B.C.'s education system is currently managed by certain rules, which do not allow too many providers of a given program. In a WTO-regulated "free market," such measures would be open to challenge. The WTO currently possesses a 100 per cent track record for decisions in favour of those challenging regulations.

EDUCATION:
LIC LEARNING

By Tim Harvey

"Public education would be squeezed out; the government could not continue to fund pubic facilities and a growing number of private ones," said Gould, noting that it is the strategy of the corporate agenda to take over the education industry.

"Students are seen as consumers, and education [as] a product."

Another speaker at the teach-in, Larry Kuehn, BCTF Director of Research and Technology, noted that things such as the production of learning materials could be taken over by corporations, and that governments would be powerless to regulate their products.

During a question period following Gould's speech, a member of the crowd interjected: "It sounds like there is an underlying agenda here, that corporations want complete control of our minds from a young age, and will even make us pay for that. They'd like to train us as perfect subjects to their rule."

In response Gould said, "It's important to remember that there is a very dark side to this."

Speaking by phone from his Vancouver office, Michael Gardiner, B.C. Organizer for the Canadian Federation of Students, argued that post-secondary education in Canada is already undergoing the shift towards reliance on corporate funding, and accompanying that, a submission to the will of corporate interests. He cites the "massive withdrawal of federal funds" from the higher education sector as creating a shortfall that is being picked up by corporate donations.

"In Ontario, where private funding makes up more than 50 per cent of university funding, [universities] are only tenuously public... Their boards read like a 'Who's Who' of the powerful business community."

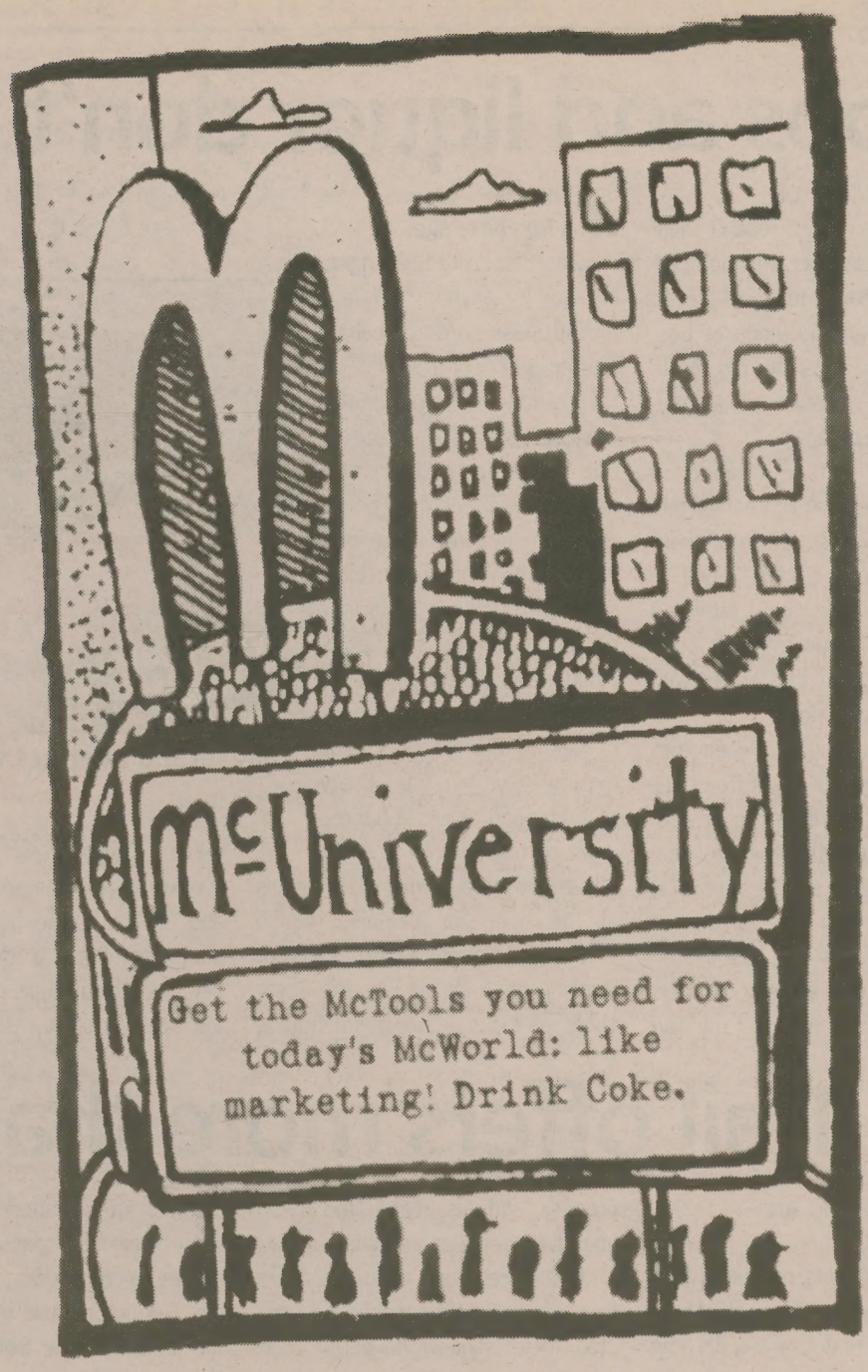
Gardiner said this trend is causing great changes in what programs get priority for funding.

University of Toronto's President, Robert Prichard is a perfect example of a corporate power figure guiding higher education. He has sat for years on the board of the Onyx corporation and was instrumental in the recent failed attempt to put the ownership of Air Canada into foreign hands. He has also lobbied the federal government on behalf of Apots, a drug company, and is a director of tobacco giant, Imasco.

"Oh for the days when universities weren't corporate players," said Peter Bleyer, Executive Director of the Council of Canadians. "The more ties to private interests, the less likely the university is to be able to provide space for independent thought and inquiry unbeholden to private interests." A recent report by the Canadian Association of University Teachers found that over 850 corporations are now represented on the boards of Canada's universities.

Prichard has received considerable media attention for his fundraising campaign, which saw him raise $516 million for the University of Toronto, all of it coming from private donations.

Gardiner argues that privately controlled campuses keep a tight reign on students' freedom to organize and speak out against corporate domination and points to the United States where university privatization is more extreme. "On some U.S. campuses, student societies are little more than social clubs," he said, adding that at some universities students, may not seek election to student government without first receiving the consent of the institution.



The University of British Columbia is another Canadian university with strong private ties. William Sauder, UBC's Chancellor and Chair of the Board of Governors, is also the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of International Forest Products (Interfor,) a logging company, which has been criticized by groups like the Rainforest Conservation Society and the Forest Action Network for participating in the destruction of B.C.'s rainforests.

Gardiner feels that the stage is being set by private interests across the country for a final takeover of higher education. He notes that as more private institutions are created, the corporate argument to apply GATS becomes more compelling to the WTO.

Current media reports support his argument. A Nov. 18 story in the *National Post* reported that a "Wall Street conglomerate appears poised to establish the first private degree-granting university in Ontario." The article states that a few months after Ontario's Conservative party was elected to a second term in office, the Apollo Group found "an openly receptive political climate" in Ontario.

The Apollo Group already operates the University of Phoenix, one of the largest private accredited universities in the United States and conducts over half a billion dollars of business each year. The campuses are currently located in 13 states, as well as Puerto Rico and Vancouver. According to the university's home page, the Vancouver campus is "committed to providing higher education to working adults" and offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in business and management. Distance learning is among the services they offer.

Other forces seem at work in B.C. David Strangway, past president of UBC, has proposed a private liberal arts university for Squamish, which according to Gardiner, would cater to the elite of North America and the world. It is rumoured that tuition would run upwards of $25,000 per year.

It is speculated that if education were subjected to the privatization and deregulation of GATS, private tuition fees would be on par with those paid by students at private American institutions. At Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, tuition for their Masters of Business program already costs $30,000 a year.

Thousands of workers and students are worried what will become of education if it falls into this sort of private control. Many will be among the tens of thousands protesting at the Ministerial Meeting of the WTO in Seattle next week. Members of the BCTF will be present, as will representatives from student societies from across Canada and the U.S. UVic students have been granted an excused absence from classes of Tuesday, Nov. 30, so they can demonstrate outside the WTO meeting. Because the implications of the WTO are so wide-ranging, education activists will be just a small fraction of the total resistance movement expected. Labour unions, environmentalists, human rights activists and other social groups will also be represented.

The theme of the protests? "No New Round – Turnaround!" For education, this means a return to the days when tuition was affordable, campuses were asylums from the corporate world, and free thinking was encouraged.

It's enough to make a corporate kingpin shudder.

— with files from CUP

Boobs and liquor don't mix at the Beer Fest

BY KELLY HENDERSON

The Great Canadian Beer Festival was like a giant kegger with high ceilings. People weaved from counter to counter and drank as much as possible before the taps ran dry, while attempting to maintain an acceptable level of decorum.

Held at the Victoria Conference Centre, the beer fest ran earlier this month and showcased microbrewery beers from all over British Columbia. A couple of buddies and I attended opening night, because there's nothing like a weekend that starts with drinking at 4p.m. Friday.

Being a broke student, I needed to find a way to get as much free beer from those microbrew guys as possible. So I donned my most provocatively low-cut shirt and push-up bra, and sauntered into the Conference Centre expecting to be discovered as the next Pamela Anderson. It was my plan to stun them with my Tori Spelling-esque cavern, then book with a free beverage.

I was discovered, all right, but not by anybody offering me business cards or Labatt poster girl contracts. The ratio of men to women at the beer fest was about nine to one. By the end of the night, I had pulled about 400 or so pairs of eyeballs and one hand out of my cleavage. Twenty minutes after arriving, my friend overheard two guys I had just chatted with walk away saying, "I found it hard to talk to her 'cause I kept looking down her top." Every man I looked at had a huge... smile on his face.

Everyone gets a mini pilsner glass at the door for samples, which amounted to about a third of a beer. Drinking the samples was like doing shots at a bar – maximum booze, minimum time. Feeling bold, I put my cleavage to the test.

Kelly let the beer get the best of her.

Martlet photo by J. Siska

The Tree Brewing Company (Kelowna) gave me some free beer and a stint behind the bar. Pulling beers must be a difficult trade, because it took their entire crew of four men to show me how to do it properly. Unfortunately, imitating Chesty Morgan was unnecessary. Most of my free beers from other exhibitors happened by not offering the $1 token as payment. I just walked away from the kiosk because those working the taps were doing a bit of taste testing themselves – for quality control – and forgot to ask for the tokens.

I relied on the beer fest patrons to give me some action. A blond guy in a dress shirt and tie marched towards me for a good six feet (in the very crowded room) with his eyes glued to my chest before stopping six inches short to look up and realize there was a head attached to my body. He courteously looked me in the eye and said "Hi." I squeezed by three men who started yelling apologies for bumping my breasts with an elbow. One of them tried to give me a massage – he said he used to be a reflexologist and I looked tense. Somehow I offended him when I gave him a dirty look and pulled away as he started to maul me.

At least no one copped a feel – except that guy Josh who put his hand down my top and felt around like he was shifting his balls. I was so shocked that I forgot to punch him.

The Great Canadian Beer Festival is not the place to go to see the human male in peak form – either as brewmaster or leering pig. Many of the beers I tasted were crap. I should have worn a turtleneck and jeans – then I wouldn't have felt so much like a giant eye magnet. At 9:15p.m. when they dimmed the lights to move out the stragglers, I was relieved to put on the sweater and jacket I'd foolishly left at the coat check.

Ale Trail offers more than the usual pub crawl

BY MEAGHAN REID AND DENA VANDALFSEN

Few UVic students realize what a unique brewing culture exists in Victoria. If you're not aware, it's time to go out and develop your palette.

We were part of a media group which was wined and dined for three hours during a shortened version of the Ale Trail Tour that welcomes beer aficionados next year.

The Ale Trail stopped at two microbreweries, where we received a tour and an explanation of the brewing process and discovered the difference between ales and lagers. Then off to the brew pubs where we heard from the brew masters, as we sampled their uniquely flavoured brew and the food that accompanied it. The appetizers are made with the fine ales; our favourite was the beer batter prawns at Swans. The nine-hour tour starts at lunch, goes through appys and dinner, and finishes off with breakfast the next morning if you're from out of town.

Never before have we experienced so much premium beer – we couldn't even finish the glass in front us before we were given another sample. Our first sample of the day was the India Pale Ale from Lighthouse Brewery and it set the precedent for the rest of the tour. At Spinnakers, our favourite was the Hefeweizen, a cloudy German style beer that smelled like bananas. Hugo's full-bodied caramel Pale Moon Ale had a nice bite while our favourite at Swans was the sweet Arctic Pale Ale.

For those aspiring to become a brewmaster, the road to success can take very different paths. Benjamin Schottle, brewmaster at Hugo's, got a degree in bio-chemical engineering. He started working in you-brews and worked his way up to his current position. Chris Johnson of Buckerfields Brewery worked in the kitchen at Swans and got on-the-job training when the former brewmaster retired.

We must admit that before Friday we were content to sip the products produced by the major breweries. But after the eye opening tour our opinions and tastes have changed. The quality of the products from the local microbreweries and brewpubs is far superior to those of the major breweries and by purchasing them we are supporting the local economy.

Western Canada's first Ale Trail Tour will be in January of 2000. The tour, even without accommodation, doesn't exactly fit into the student budget at $109. Instead, a do-it-yourself exploration of the brewpubs and their individuality will prove to be fun and you can skip the lectures ,which make you feel like you are in class.

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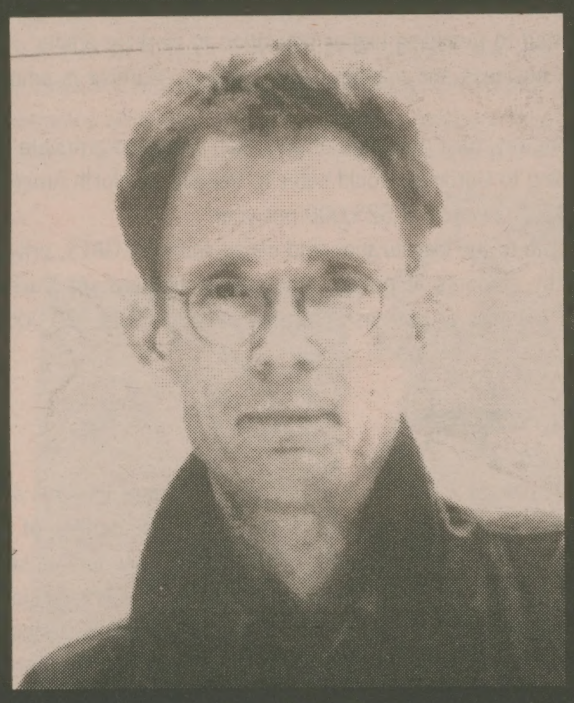

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Cutting edge theatre in Victoria

BY MARGARET SPEARS

Most theatre companies show classic plays that have been staged and restaged countless times. Besides the Fringe, there aren't many opportunities available for original, creative plays to be shown in this city. However, there is an organization on campus providing a little freshness.

SATCO, the Student Alternative Theatre Company, has been around since 1992. It was started as a way to give theatre students an occasion to get involved with stage productions beyond what they do in class and is entirely run by UVic theatre students. They write, cast, direct and do all of the technical and background work. All students who want to get involved can find something to do. By the time graduation comes, every theatre student has worked for SATCO.

A board of directors made up of students chooses plays for the upcoming season from mostly student submissions. The choices are based on safety, feasibility, and how well developed the idea is. The board then tries to accommodate as many plays as possible, therefore each one runs for only two performances. The possibilities for play ideas are numerous: mime, dance, realistic, and abstract have all been done. This year's theme is student-written plays, even though there are three plays this season that were not written by students.

Meg Roe and Jay Hindle in Glace Bay Miner's Museum. The show is running at the Phoenix from Nov. 17 to 27 at the Phoenix Theatre.

Martlet photo by Kristin Froneman

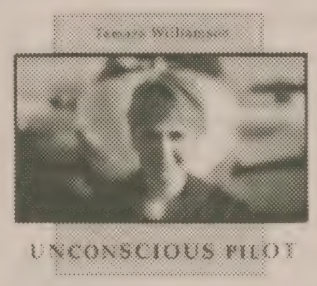
The speed with which shows are put together and staged mimics the real theatre world. There may be only a few hours to set the play up, get it together, rehearse and then perform it the next day. Students learn how to do it and what the priorities are. There's no time to nit-pick. Changes need to be made on the spot and then dealt with.

The plays are performed in a black box theatre, that is, a room with black floors, ceiling and walls. There are moveable bleachers so the action can take place almost anywhere in the room, including on the catwalk or stairs. There is a lot of equipment that they don't have, so you won't be seeing any special effects in their shows. They have to be creative with what they've got, which is what SATCO is all about.

Don't think that SATCO is lacking in quality though. Some shows have gone on to other venues. Last year's production of Poor Superman was performed this April at the Fire Hall Theatre in Vancouver. A few years ago, one of the played the Fringe.

Shows run every week (except December and at the end of March) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:30 p.m. and 5:20 p.m. at the Barbara McIntyre Theatre in the Phoenix Theatre Building. Currently showing: Risk Everything on Nov. 26. Admission is by donation. All money goes to support SATCO. Check the bulletin board in the back hallway of the Phoenix for upcoming shows.

Unconscious Pilot proves impressive and haunting



Tamara Williamson
Unconscious Pilot
N.A.W.A

BY DANNI CRAWFORD

You'd think an unconscious pilot would cause the plane to crash. But Tamara Williamson's new cd soars through haunting reverberations, plunges into harmonic dives, and lands on a sturdy foundation of intimate and poetic lyrics.

Her voice and rhythms channel an Ani Difranco-like sound, but with a unique softness that Difranco has never achieved. Her technique of blending voice and guitar is both innovative and mesmerizing. The effects of her experimental use of reverb and delay rock the listener into a tranquilized state. Williamson is manipulating sound and song in ways that have never been attempted. She has succeeded in creating effects that are truly unique and inspiring.

With *Unconscious Pilot*, Williamson has created an intensely personal album with tracks that seem to frame abstract photos of her life and loved ones. The insertion of personal phone conversations with her mother talking about storms and teeth creates an eerie familiarity. The layers of sound mess with your head like a re-occurring dream that is beyond your control. Her soft voice hits you in waves and pulls you into an undertow of beauty that you can't help but drown in.

Born in London, England, Williamson moved to Canada in 1991 after breaking up her band with Alan White (from Oasis). She recorded two albums with her band, Mrs. Torrance, and then began her solo career with her album *Nightmare on Queen Street* in 1998.

She has sung with Ron Sexsmith, The Barenaked Ladies, Hayden, King Cobb Steelie and The Rheostatics, and has opened for Oasis, Frenté, The Beautiful South, Jewel, the Tragically Hip, and Crash Test Dummies. Her label, which she started with a friend, is N.A.W.A. (Not Affiliated With Anyone).

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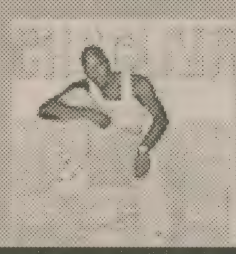

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Victoria's hip-hop community stronger than ever

BY DAVID ISRAELIEVITCH AND SCOTT ROBERTS

Heads in Victoria have been really spoiled over the past couple of months. With Public Enemy, Casual and Del, the Fernwood Community Hall series – featuring Awkward Why, Intellect and many others – and DJ Vadim last Tuesday we have been getting some pretty hype shows since September.

Choclair and Rahzel are coming back to Victoria this week and it's gonna be a show that you don't want to miss. Both of these guys have been around a long time and will have some knowledge to drop on y'all so don't miss this shit.

The Godfather of Noyze, hits Victoria next week.

photo submitted

For those of you who became familiar with Choclair after his appearance on "Northern Touch," it may interest you to know that this member of the Paranormal crew has been making music for quite some time now. His first release, "21 Years," came out originally in '95 as the b-side to Saukrates' "Father Time" single, later to show up on Beatfactory's *Rap Essentials, Vol. 1*. Shortly afterward, he released his own single, featuring Jully Black, entitled "What It Takes" for which there was also a video. The flip side, however, was a gem by the name of "Just A Second" that earned him an enormous amount of underground respect throughout east coast Canada and even New York. This prompted him to release his EP/Maxi Single "What It Takes" in early '98, which only received a moderate amount of attention mostly due to being overshadowed by friend and fellow Circle member Kardinal Offishall's debut album.

Choc's back though, and judging by his lead-off single, "Ride," his sound has become much more focused and accessible. The beats contain major bump, and the style of Choclair's delivery should get heads noddin' all over North America.

That's a good thing cause head noddin' is what Rahzel is all about. Between growing up in New York City during hip-hop's golden age – early to mid 80's – and hanging out with his cousin Rahim (from the Furious Five) he got more than his fair share of hip-hop supervision.

"I remember watching Grand Master Flash before I could even see over the gate" recalls Rahzel. "Having that kind of influence was incredible." It shows.

On his debut solo album *The Fifth Element: Make the Music 2000* Rahzel proves his skills on a level that's not possible in a collective like the Roots (the group that he is still a member of). This man is the beatbox champion of the world. On "Southern Girl," Rahzel and Erykah Badu perform an a cappella track that sounds unlike any other you've ever heard. On the liner notes for the cd, Rahzel is given credit for the "vocal percussion, vocal bass, and vocal effects." In other words he provides the entire beat with his mouth.

Choclair chillin' on the ice chair.

photo submitted

"Actually, the story behind that track is pretty cool," Rahzel mentioned during our last interview "Me and Erykah got into the studio, at opposing mics and did the song in one take." When he finished that sentence I spilled my drink all over the floor. Check the track and you'll understand.

Before the interview he suggested that we talk after the show "because [I] would have a lot more questions then." He was right. The range that this guy has with his vocal talent is amazing. He drops a beatbox (bass and drum beats with his voice) while he sings an R&B vocal overtop, in real-time. It was unreal.

Between Choclair, whose easily the biggest Canadian MC right now, and Rahzel, the godfather of Noyze, Tuesday night is going to be one of the hi-lights of these past months of live hip-hop in the garden city.

Choclair and Rahzel can be seen at Legends on Tuesday, Nov. 30. Check page 11 of this issue of *the Martlet* for a big ticket and cd giveaway.

Local Teppan and Sampan offer sumptuous cuisine

BY SHIN MING TSANG

Dining in an unpleasant restaurant is like watching a dreary movie, one is left constantly trying to decide whether to stay or leave? Fortunately, the Sampan restaurant and Japanese Village are definitely places to stay and revisit.

Chef Nguyen works his magic for the crowd.

photo by Shin Ming Tsang

The Sampan Chinese Seafood Restaurant, at the Sannich Centre on Quadra and McKenzie, impressed me right from the start. After I settled in my softly padded, varnished chair in the brightly lit room, a waitress in a gold brocade jacket approached my table. In past visits, I enjoyed Sampan's celebrated Peking duck, and their cream crab (which is sautéed with milk). This evening I ordered their famous barbecued duck with plum sauce. The skin of the barbecued duck was crispy yet when I bit into it, it was so fresh and well-prepared that the juice flew out. Perfect. As I walked out the door, I still had money left in my wallet, so I decided that I'll return for their six-dollar lunch special soon.

Another restaurant that I recommend for a group of fun-loving people is the Japanese Village at 734 Broughton Street. The atmosphere is what made this restaurant famous. Between four and 10 patrons sit around the grill while the chef prepares your meal and entertains (teppan style).

On the day of my visit, the chef was head cook and magician Hiep Nguyen. When his knife lightly touched a lemon, it jumped into the air and fell onto his fork. Next, he juggled and drummed with a couple of tall, teak pepper grinders, while constantly chattering and joking. (As a fellow patron was heading for the washroom, Nguyen quipped "So where're ya going? To McDonald's?") The manager likened Japanese Village to the steakhouse of Japan, and described their specialty, teppan yaki, so well, that I decided to grab it. My favourite aspect of the meal was the thick sesame sauce (steak sauce) which really livened up the steamed rice.

I ended my dinner with one of their exotic drinks, a Melon Colada, which was a rich green and semi-sweet, leaving my palette feeling fresh and satisfied.

Dining in a pleasant restaurant is like watching an intriguing movie. Second encounters are even more revealing. I'm driven to return.

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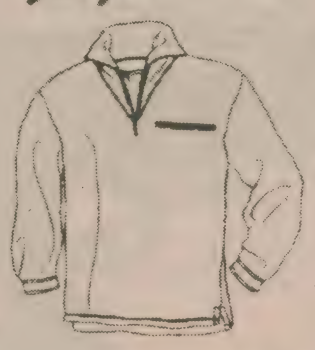

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Vikes dunk Wesmen in weekend homestand

By Dena vanDalfsen

Even though the Winnipeg Wesmen put up a tough fight, both of UVic's men's and women's basketball teams pleased the crowd with victories on Friday and Saturday night.

Friday saw the Vikes' nationally No. 1-ranked women's team take an early lead over the No. 4-ranked Winnipeg team. The Vikes were ahead 41-31 at the half and kept the Wesmen to only 19 points in the second half, finishing a fairly routine game 63-50.

A healthy Kim Johnson showed her strength, leading the Vikes with 16 points. The fourth-year forward has made it back after recovering from knee surgery and a sprained thumb.

"She makes a big difference," said head coach Kathy Shields. "Megan Dalziel had an outstanding weekend as well. We played a tough team and I was happy to come away with two wins."

Vikes' Emily King kept Winnipeg's All-Canadian forward Erin Soroko in check defensively, who paced the Wesmen with 22 points and nine rebounds.

The men's game saw the Vikes up 12 points at the half 37-26. The second half switched the team's roles as Winnipeg outscored the Vikes 31-20. Wesmen Joseph Dominiquez counted for a team-high 17 points that left the game tied 57-57 at the end of regulation time.

Vikes' Jamie Blake missed a decent hook that could have decided the game without the extra five minutes.

The Vikes regrouped for overtime, outscoring the Winnipeg Wesmen 18-8. Keith Bustard was a force with seven points, 19 overall and a pivotal steal. Etienne Orr-Ewing added had 18 of his own.

Saturday night was just as entertaining. The women's team squandered a 12-point lead in the first half, and headed into the dressing room 46-45 ahead of the Wesmen. The Vikes pressed in the second half and held Winnipeg to only 22 points including a nine-minute dry spell when the Wesmen did not score a single field goal.

"We pride ourselves on good defensive play," said Shields. "The key this year is low scoring. Winnipeg averages 70 shots a game and both nights we held them to below 40."

The score was close very late until a rash of fouls helped Victoria pull ahead. Winnipeg head coach Tanya McKay was ejected after two technical fouls.

The game ended in an 80-67 decision for the Vikes. Dalziel led the Vikes scoring 26 points, and Janet McLachlan added 16. The win improved the Vikes to 7-1 for the season.

No overtime for the men on Saturday night, but they did cut the win down to the wire. Ten minutes into the game the Vikes were down 10-18. The midpoint of the first half was the turning point. The team scored seven points in two minutes including a three-pointer by Steve McDonald and finished the half ahead 31-28.

UVic forward Janet MacLachlan protects the ball from Wesmen defense this past weekend.

Martlet photo by Eric Ricco Hodgin

The Vikes held on to a 12-point lead during most of the foul-ridden second half. The Wesmen shot better from the free throw line and slowly chipped away at the double-digit deficit. With less than a minute left, the Vikes found themselves trailing by a point.

"We don't have a huge bench. We only play seven guys," said Vetrie. "They get tired physically and mentally. Hopefully in the second half of the season we'll be able to show more."

With 28 seconds left Bustard made the two-point go-ahead basket for the Vikes.

Allister Wilmott sunk two more from the stripe to end the game 70-67 in favor of the Vikes. Wilmott led the Vikes with 26 points. Orr-Ewing added 12 points and six rebounds. The win improves the men's record 6-2 for the season.

The Vikes' b-ball teams will be in Brandon next weekend. The men's next homestand is the Millennium Tournament on Dec. 27 to 29, and the women won't see home court advantage until the New Year.

Martlet photo by Rachel Kiers

Waters churn at worlds

By Craig Battle

World class meets are easy come, easy go for world class athletes.

This past weekend five UVic swimmers – Rick Say, Ryan Keesey, John Stamuis, Philip Weiss and Christin Petelski – met with some of the world's top athletes in Edmonton at the second world cup meet of the season.

While most of the world would take one look at the "World Cup" stamp on their athlete pass and faint in the glory, the Vikes used the meet as a prep for the upcoming U.S. Open in Texas.

The U.S. Open is pertinent to UVic as it takes place in a 50-metre, or long-course pool while the past weekend's two were held in 25-metre, short-course pools.

"We're really focusing on the U.S. Open as our peak competition until the Olympic trials," said third-year Vike Weiss.

Petelski gears up for long-course meets because international standards are based on the 50-metre pool. This year's Olympic trials will also take place in a 50-metre pool. Petelski called this past weekend's meet "a practice for racing."

"It just got another race under our belts," she said.

Before most big meets, the Vikes would have shaved body hair and tapered training regiments, in hopes of achieving peak performance. Before this past weekend's meets head coach Peter Vizsolyi did not allow proper rest for his swimmers.

"We just trained hard through the meet," said third-year Weiss.

In a press release, Vizsolyi said that he wanted the athletes to see what kind of times they could produce without taking any of the major steps of preparation. The coach's motives were to create mental toughness in his swimmers by putting them up against rested, physically ready athletes.

As a result, the Vikes saw what would normally be poor outcomes.

"It's kind of hard in that aspect," said Petelski.

Petelski didn't final at either meet, which is a rarity for the veteran breaststroker. Her string of final performances dates back to the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

"We went down as a Vikes team," said Petelski. "If you look overall, we swam consistently."

Weiss and Say faired better under the physical duress. Say came up with fifth in the 200-metre and freestyle and sixth in the 400 free. Weiss grabbed two fifths in the 200 and 400 individual medleys, and a bronze medal in the 200 butterfly.

"It was hard for me because I wanted to do a little bit better," said Weiss. "I did well in the 200 butterfly right after the 400 I.M., so I was pretty happy about that."

The Vikes will next attend the U.S. Open that will take place from Dec. 1 to 4, and the team is planning to shave and taper.

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High-kicking Vikes at SFU

BY STEVE HUTCHINGS

"Is it possible to kick the snot out of someone and simultaneously achieve inner peace?"

This was what was really on my mind the night I was introduced to Victoria Shotokan Karate Club. Lisa Irving, tour guide for the evening, assured me it was possible.

"Sure!" Irving said with a grin.

The third-year brown belt did just that at the SFU Shotokan Invitational Tournament on Saturday. Irving was one of seven UVic combatants fighting for honour, glory and a chance to kick a little SFU ass.

"It's a chance to compete against other people in our style," remarked Irving. "I'm mainly in it to have fun."

"We're gonna try and drag home some medals for UVic," said black-belt Chris Ward.

The team lived up to Ward's lofty promise by winning one bronze, two silver and three gold medals amidst a strong set of teams from B.C., Alberta and the Yukon.

Such an outcome reflects the devotion and iron-like discipline of a close-knit group of students working under the watchful eye of Sensei Paul Molinari.

"I think we have a good club," said Molinari. "I'd like to see some of our members picked for the Canadian [National] Team. I think we have a pretty good chance of several members making it. We could have a pretty good representation."

The Canadian National Team is chosen every year by the National Karate Association. The team is comprised of the best fighters from every practised Karate style in Canada – not only the Shotokan style practised by by Molinari and his students.

The highlight of Canada's Karate season is the annual tournament pitting the National team against the equivalent from the US.

"We have a cross-border challenge that goes on each year. Our goal is to come out on top," said Molinari. "The Americans have a huge base, so for us to be able to compete with them – we feel pretty good about that."

But for now the UVic team is focused on individual grading. This is a system of coloured belts that determine the skill level of each fighter. Each belt requires a flawless execution of pre-determined stances, forms and fighting techniques.

"That's what everyone's thinking about right now," said Irving.

But punches and kicks aside, she hasn't forgotten her reason for joining the club.

"The tournaments are fun, so I go."

Racquet dreams

BY CRAIG BATTLE

Tennis balls rained as 51 phenoms hit the court on Nov. 6 and 7 for the UVic Tennis team's fundraising tournament at the Gordon Head field house.

UVic hosted the open, singles match play tournament both to create a venue for competitive tennis in Victoria and to raise funds. UVic needed to create revenue to allow the team to travel to the Western Canadian conference finals in Winnipeg in January.

UVic ace Tim Goepel was taken down by 16-year-old junior Matt Vaukard in the final of the Vikes' fundraising tournament.

The women's final was all UVic as Lindsay Gaspari edged her teammate Summer Lane in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. UVic Tennis Club president Matt Dolf said Gaspari used her precise ground strokes to hold Lane off, while the two kept a relaxed demeanour.

"There was a friendly atmosphere going on between Lindsay and Summer," said Dolf. "They're the strongest players on our women's team – they'd be our one and two positions."

The men's final to follow was a shocker. UVic ace Tim Goepel was taken down by 16-year-old junior Matt Vaukaard.

"Matt really pushed his game to another level to beat the veteran," said Dolf.

The tournament serves not only as a fundraiser but also as a warm up for both the CanWest finals and an exhibition match this coming weekend at UBC.

The Vikes will take their 18 players – six singles athletes, three doubles teams and two alternates – to take on the UBC Thunderbirds in what could be a good precursor to the CanWest finals.

On your marks. Ready, set... Golf!

BY JENNY KIRKPATRICK

The UVic Golf Club is relatively new with this year being its second season. The club was originally intended to get experienced golfers out on the course, but over the past year it has evolved to include all levels of golfers.

The club's main goal is to expose the greatest number of students to the greatest game on earth – golf.

Club president Jon Roy said, "We're not just about golfing but more a matter of enhancing our quality of life through fun and affordable events."

There are a variety of different activities offered by the golf club. Every Friday the club holds free introductory clinics open to anyone, weather permitting.

"The clinics take place on the field and we try a new approach every Friday. We have already attempted a number of experimental teaching techniques," said Roy. "For instance last week we practiced hitting balls at moving vehicles."

Every Saturday a number of golfers head to Arbutus Ridge for an hour-and-a-half of professional instruction and nine holes of golf. Eighteen-hole rounds are also scheduled weekly.

We have already attempted a number of experimental teaching techniques. For instance, last week we practised hitting balls at moving vehicles.

Roy said these rounds are cheap and there are always prizes. "These events are a superb way to meet new people and enjoy the game in fabulous weather conditions – relatively speaking," said Roy.

This Saturday, Nov. 27, there is the annual pre-exam invitational at Cordova Bay. Roy is quick to point out that there are still a few spots available.

Open information meetings are held every Wednesday night in UVic's Clearihue Building room A301 at 6:30 p.m. where anyone can ask questions and sign up for events.

For more information on the UVic Golf Club check out the website at web.uvic.ca/~golf or call Jon Roy at 472-3369 to sign up for this weekend's tournament.

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on-campus

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Addictions workshop. Saturday, November 29, 1:00 p.m. Classroom bldg 96 Room C108 "What is an addiction?" "what resources are available?" Pre-register if possible: Cliff 598-9101 or cliffs@uvic.ca

MSA Drop-in Coffee Times. Mature students meet every **Wednesday and Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** SUB Upper Lounge, B110b. You are invited to join us. For info.: uvic_msa@hotmail.com or call 472-1842.

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The Circle K club meets every Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in CLE C 112. Come out and join us. Low commitment & volunteer projects. For more info contact rvcolson@uvic.ca

off-campus

B.C. Eating Disorders Association offers a support group for women with eating disorders and associated issues. The group meets on **Wednesday Evenings**. The next session begins **November 3 - December 1 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** at 526 Michigan St., Second Floor. For more infomation call 383-2755.

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hey you!

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Hey Dean A. Questionable content. Come back to *the Martlet* for a refund.

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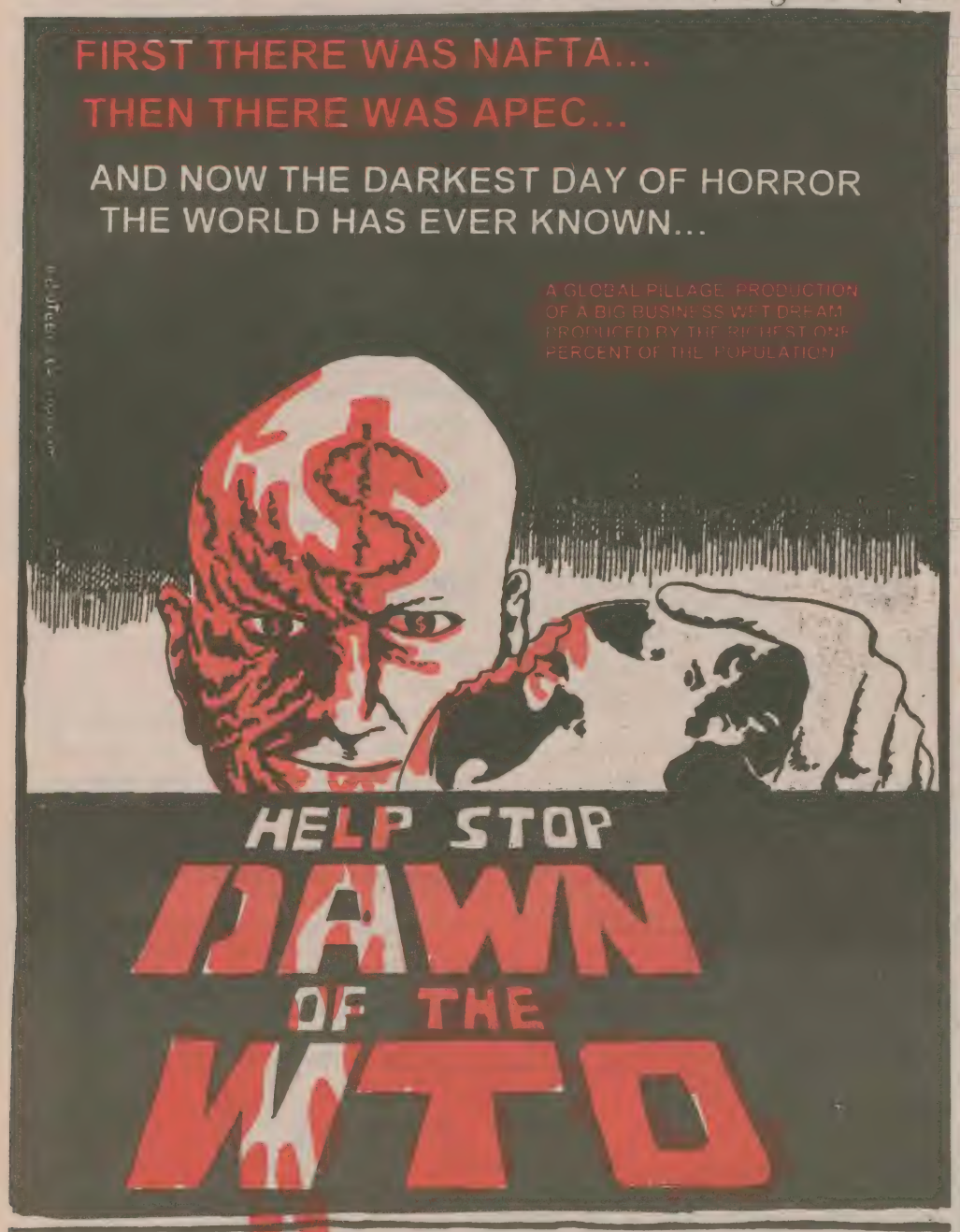
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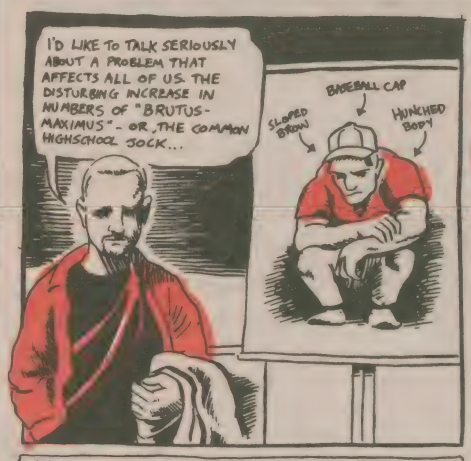
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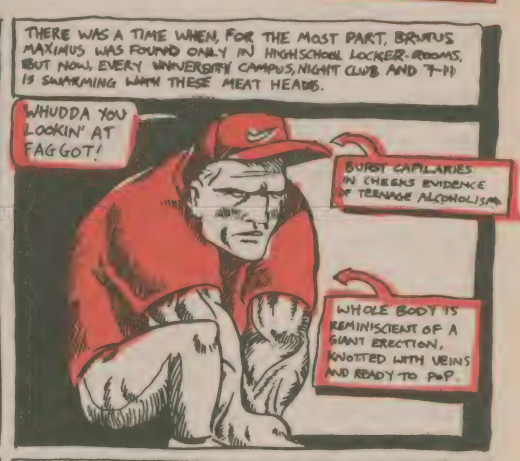
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WHUDDA YOU LOOKIN' AT FAGGOT!
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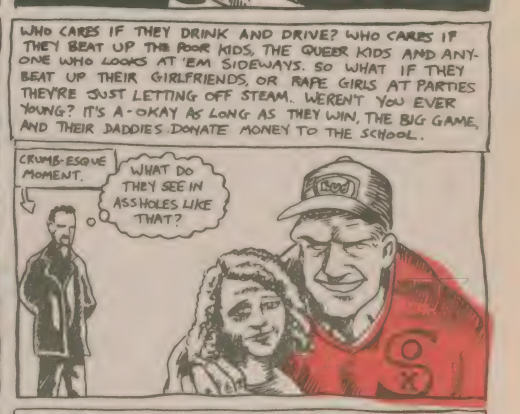
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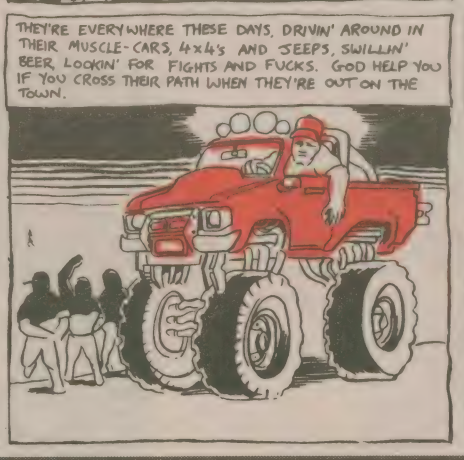
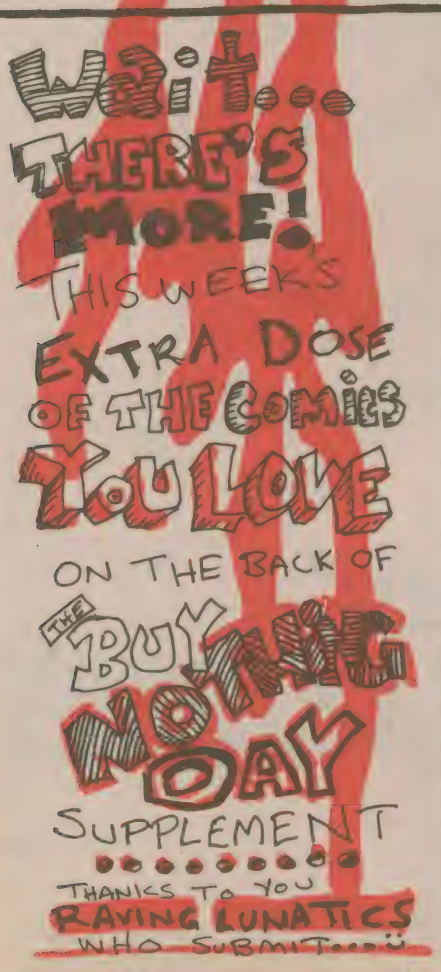

THEY'RE EVERYWHERE THESE DAYS, DRIVIN' AROUND IN THEIR MUSCLE-CARS, 4x4's AND JEEPS, SWILLIN' BEER, LOOKIN' FOR FIGHTS AND FUCKS. GOD HELP YOU IF YOU CROSS THEIR PATH WHEN THEY'RE OUT ON THE TOWN.

BUT PERHAPS YOU TRY TO CONSOLE YOURSELF THINKING, WELL AT LEAST AFTER HIGHSCHOOL THESE BRAINLESS PIGS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO PUSH YOU AROUND. AFTER ALL, SURELY THERE'S NO WORK OUT THERE FOR SEMI-LITERATE VIOLENT BIGOTS?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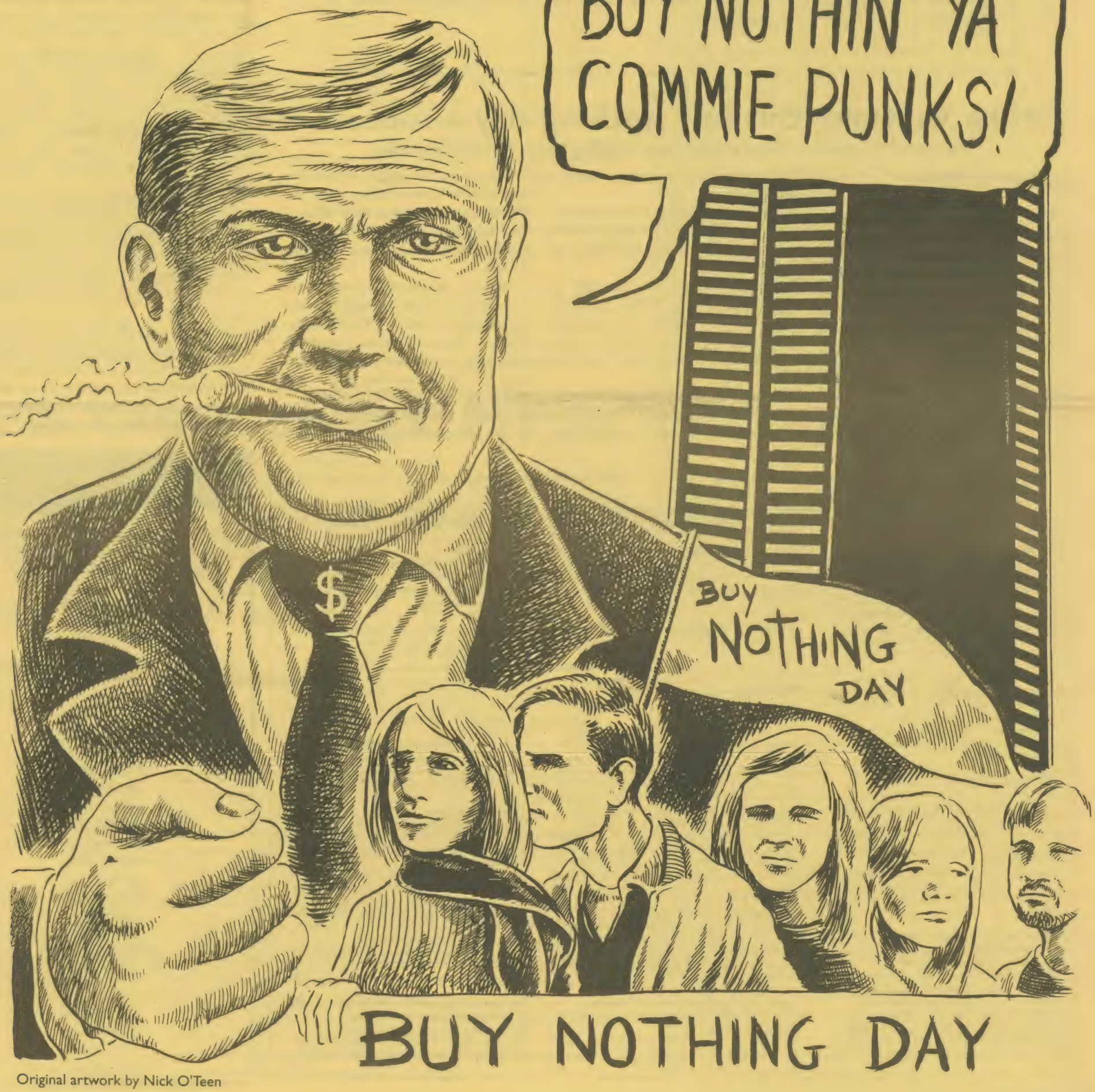

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Buy Nothing Day 1999

Stop buying, start thinking

It's a day spent without spending. A day where people take a moment to think about how their lifestyle affects the environment and people in developing countries. A day to put away the credit cards and think for a minute about how what we own defines how we think about ourselves and the rest of the world.
Here at *the Martlet*, we printed an advertising-free supplement for Buy Nothing Day. We hope you enjoy it. And remember, every day can be Buy Nothing Day if you make the choice to live your life sustainably.

How to make this buy nothing day a success

(or, how I'm going to keep myself from feeding the evil corporate pigs)

by Shoshanah Waxman

Every year I run into the same problem: I forget Buy Nothing Day. I always mean to pay attention, I just forget until a week after the fact. I swear this year will be different. I've finally gotten my act together and come up with a number of tips to help keep my money out of those dirty, money-grubbing, corporate hands.

I figure if I can just remember which day it is, the rest should be a cinch as long as I follow these rules:

1) Leave all cash, bank cards, cheque book and credit cards at home, hidden in my sock drawer. I can't spend money I don't have.

2) Pack a lunch and/or dinner. This way I won't starve or spend the money I didn't bring with me. It's also probably a lot healthier.

3) Stay out of stores. They just make me want to buy, buy, buy! Part of the importance of Buy Nothing Day is wholly rejecting consumerist culture: that includes even thinking about spending money!

4) Turn off the tube. Same goes for magazines. Both are packed full of ads that have one thing to say: "consume." Buy Nothing Day is on a Friday, so I won't be missing anything important.

5) Buy your necessities the day before. If I'm on the last square of toilet paper, it may be a good idea to stock up before the fact.

Above all, one should remember that everyday can be Buy Nothing Day on a smaller scale. It's within everyone's capabilities to be a conscientious consumer. Each dollar I don't spend on Nike is a dollar that won't fund their third-world, child-labour exploiting sweatshops.
You always have an alternative, you've just got to look a bit harder sometimes.

Boycott my whole house

by Dena vanDalfsen

A few weeks ago at *the Martlet's* annual general meeting the staff members reviewed and ratified and advertisement boycott policy. Each year *the Martlet* researches companies and boycotts advertising from anything that goes against the paper's mandate to "act as an agent of social change."

As I sat listening to the discussion about the practices of companies and debate about whether they should or should not be on the list, I was surprised by my lack of knowledge on the situation. With Buy Nothing Day approaching, I decided to take home this list and see what items I could find in the house I share with two roommates. I was surprised to find everything from Kraft to Coke in my kitchen and Crest to Kleenex in my bathroom. In the closets I found Nike, Gap and Adidas, while in the living room I found Sony and Mitsubishi.

In a perfect world we wouldn't have to deal with these issues. One look at this list shows that this definitely is not a perfect world and it makes me wonder what companies do not have damaging environmental practices, use sweatshop labour or abuse our fundamental human rights.

Citizens around the world need to demand a change in the way businesses operate. One way is to not buy these products. Search your local health food store, co-op store, or community market for alternative products that respect people and the environment

The Martlet's advertising boycott list

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1.1 Boycott for contributing to the destruction of B.C.'s forests:
• MacMillian Bloedel/Weyerhaeuser; Timber West Forest Products; Slocan Forest Products Ltd; West Fraser Timber Co.; International Forest Products; Doman Forest Products, Western Forest Products, Pacific Forest Products; Kruger Inc. and subsidiaries; Canadian Forest Products (Canfor); The Ministry of Forests, B.C.; Mitsubishi Corp:
1.2 Boycott for Contributing to Global Warming
• All fossil fuel producers
1.3 Boycott for Contributing for Pesticide Manufacturing and genetically engineering food seeds
• Monsanto; Dow; Dupont; Bayer; Novartis; Imperial Chemical Industries; Rhone Poulec; Ciba-Geirgy; Hoechst; GD Searle; Eli Lilly

2. Militaristic Organizations, Groups and Practices.
2.1 We believe that every human being has the right to live without the threat of military violence. It is our responsibility to boycott all individuals, and groups that promote, support, construct or undertake military action against any peoples.
• Department of National Defense; Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Chevron Nigeria Limited; Shell Nigeria; Myanmar (Burma) State Law and Order Restoration Council

3. Abusive Practices Against Animals
3.1 For the continued use of animal testing in consumer goods where it is not required by law.
• Gillette Company; S.C. Johnson; Uniliver; Johnson & Johnson Neutragena; Colgate-Palmolive; Alberto-Culver; Allergan Inc.; Church & Dwight; Bausch & Lomb; Benckisser; Bic Corporation; Block Drug Co.; Boyle Midway; Bristol Myers Squibb Co; Carter – Wallace; Chesebrough – Ponds; Clorox; Dana Perfumes; Del Laboratories; Dial Corporation; Dow Brands; Erno Lazlo; Gevaudan – Roure; Kimberley Clark; Lamaur; Mead; Melaleuca; Neoteric Cosmetics; Parfums International; Perrigo; Pfizer Inc.; Reckett; Colman; Sanofi; Schering Plough; Warner – Lambert; Smith Kline Beecham; Sun Star; 3m

4. Human Rights Abuses
4.1 Boycott for investing and manufacturing in Myanmar (Burma)
Proctor & Gamble; Caterpillar; InterDigital; Total; UNOCAL; ABN Amro; Northern Telecom; Premiere Oil; Mitsubishi; Marubeni; Sony; Fujitsu
4.2 Boycott for continuing to invest and manufacture in Indonesia
All Purpose Copy Paper; Crown Super Copy Paper; Economy Copy Paper; Pacesetter copy paper; Victory Copy Paper; Crayola; Faber Castell pencils; KiKo pencils; Spicers paper; Spirex Notebooks; Textra; Price torch batteries; Eveready batteries; Energizer; Exide Car batteries; Besco car batteries; Price Torch batteries; Yuasa car batteries; Multix garbage bags; Tiger garbage bags; Bi Lo matches; Savings Safety Matches; Pasco toilet rolls; Gloweave; Capital Royal Doulton chinawear; Mayfair & Jackson glassware; Philips Spotline globes; Summit outdoor furniture (Kmart); Market Umbrella 10" X 82" (Kmart); Spalding Tennis balls; Nike; Rio "Everyday Wear" socks
4.3 Boycott for Homophobia
Note: Homophobia includes heterosexism
• Canadian Blood Services; Chrysler; Coors Brewing Company, the Adolf Coors Foundation, and the Castle Rock Foundation; Domino's Pizza; Focus on the Family; Human Life International; Blockbuster
4.4 Boycott for Sexism
Anti-Choice (Pro-Life) Organizations:
All ads from organizations that don't believe in a woman's full and complete right to control her body's reproductive system.
• Youth Protecting Youth; Right to Life; Birthright; Pro-Life B.C. and Canada; Genocide Awareness Project; Human Life International
4.5 Boycott for bad labour practices
4.51 General Labour Concerns
• Some beer and alcohol manufactures (research still continuing)
• Michelin Tires
4.52 Boycott for IATSE projectionists lockout
• Sony; Viacom; Capital 6; Famous Players; Odeon Theatres; Films showing at locked-out theatres
4.53 Boycott for use of sweatshop labour
• The Gap; Tommy Hilfiger; Wal-Mart; Banana Republic; Reebok; Walt Disney Company; The Limited; Liz Claiborne; Eddie Bauer; Mattel; Fisher Price; Nike; Adidas; Levi Strauss; Sears Roebuck & Company; Benetton
4.7 Boycott for racism
• Coalition for a Humanistic British Canada
4.7 Other Boycotts for Human Rights Abuses
• Coca Cola; PepsiCo; Nestle products; McDonald's; Burger King; Seagram's/DuPont; AMEX

5. General Boycotts
5.1 Tobacco Manufacturers and their subsidiaries; Phillip Morris; All Products including Kraft; Maxwell House; Post General Foods; RJR Nabisco; DuMaurier
5.2 Religious Organizations
Due to the discriminatory practices and beliefs held by some religious organizations that are in direct conflict with our mandate and advertising policy we require that all advertising (all display ads and once on teh billboards page) from religious organizations include the following statement at no charge to the advertiser:
"Everyone is welcome. We oppose discrimination on the basis of race, gender and sexuality."
5.3 Homophobic, Sexist, Racist, Classist and Ablest advertising
We reserve the right to refuse advertising that in copy or placing organization does not uphold our mandate to act as an agent of progressive social change.
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It's nice to share cars

by Tasha Marsden

Being at the mercy of the public limo we call B.C. Transit isn't always the best thing. When it is time to move, grocery shop or get to a far-away beach, it can be convenient to have access to a vehicle.

The Victoria Car Share Co-op has four locations where members can pick up vehicles on a first-come first-serve basis.

"It's really a community effort," said Laura Burke, former board member. "It was the people who had an interest and did a lot of the legwork to become a co-operative."

For an annual fee plus minimal usage rates, members can phone a 24 hour booking line and reserve an automobile. Currently, there are four locations, in Fernwood, Fairfield and two in James Bay.

The project started in James Bay — what Burke refers to as "not necessarily a car friendly place" – to serve those needing a car on an occasional basis.

The co-ops have three relatively new, efficient vehicles, including one van for heavier moves. Board volunteers maintain the upkeep of the vehicles.

"Part of our mandate is to reduce carbon dioxide emissions," she said. "And one of the ways of doing that is to take more cars off the road."

The idea originated in Germany and other cooperatives have been established in Toronto, Guelph and Montréal.

Vancouver and Victoria have the first cooperatives in the Pacific Northwest and have already established a partnership between the two cities. This allows Victoria members to use vehicles on the mainland.

New co-ops are being slated for Nanaimo, Nelson and Tofino.

Buying without money

by Simon Glezos

In a day and age where it's becoming increasingly difficult for many people to make ends meet one organization is trying to give people a step up.

LETS (Local Economic Trading System) offers people who may be short on cash a way to extend their purchasing power by trading and bartering for goods and services.

LETS began in 1982 in the Comox Valley, conceived by Michael Linton. Created at the height of the economic recession as a way to help people escape the bonds of poverty, LETS has since spread across the globe, resulting in chapters in the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia and the United States, among others.

"LETS is important because it allows for a greater control over the economy by the local citizens," said LETS spokesperson Stephen Kan.

LETS is based around the introduction of a common currency known as the Green Dollar. Members of LETS are able to 'sell' goods and services to other members for these green dollars. You can then use those green dollars to purchase things from other members.

"We have a board here at the LETS headquarters that has all the offers for goods and services. Each offer has a phone number beside it. You would call up that number and arrange a deal with that person regarding how many green dollars are to be paid. The person that receives the goods calls it in to LETS and they make changes in the accounts of each member."

However, you aren't limited by the amount of green dollars you currently possess. You can acquire an interest free 'debt' of green dollars.

"It's not a real debt. It's something that exists only in the minds of the members. A negative green dollar balance is looked at as a responsibility to the community."

Goods and services available through LETS can vary from offers of help with construction work, to technical aid, to homemade pottery.

"Going through LETS gives you two ways to purchase things, through green dollars and Canadian dollars. It allows for a greater consumer flexibility."

One of the main dangers regarding an organization such as LETS is the legal ramification. While LETS itself is not involved with the taxation side of things, members, especially those who's goods and services come from their businesses, are expected to declare any extra value they receive through LETS on their taxes.

LETS can be contacted at 380-4824.

The university of sustainability

by Patti Edgar

Want to learn how to keep bees? Sew your own clothes from second-hand material? Build a brick oven for bread making?

A Victoria organization has been running workshops on these and other topics as part of a unique school aimed at taking power out of the clutches of corporations and putting it back into the hands of communities.

The Camassia Society's Sustainable Living School has been offering Sunday workshops since September. The idea behind the school is to help people become more self-reliant as individuals and communities, and less dependent on multinational corporations and non-renewable resources like fossil fuels.

Taking control over the production of basic goods and services "enhances quality of life, restores creativity to work and allows for the development of sustainable communities in balance with the earth," reads the school's brochure.

"People want to learn how to be more autonomous," says spokesperson Sol Kinnis. "They want to live without being dependent on buying stuff from big corporations that aren't sustainable. For a lot of people it's a political and an environmental choice."

Camassia brought together farmers, bee keepers, pruners, artisans and blacksmiths to facilitate the hands-on workshops.

"There are a lot of people we know who have these skills and we thought it would be good to organize a forum so they could share those skills with people," said Kinnis.

Workshops are funded entirely through registration fees which are between $50 and nothing per course, depending on what you can afford to pay. So far, 75 people have taken at least one of the 15 workshops offered.

"A lot of these kinds of workshops are normally expensive, but ours are on a sliding scale. Nobody has missed a workshop because of their income," says Kinnis.

Although most of this fall's workshops are over, there are still four more workshops coming up: pruning techniques on Nov. 28, community-based mapping on Dec. 5, clothing making on Dec. 12, and blacksmithing on Dec. 19. Call 598-0797 to register.

For those who have missed this year's workshops, Camassia is thinking about offering the school again next fall. Suggestions for new topics from participants have included greenhouse building, composting toilet construction, soap making and building instruments from local materials.

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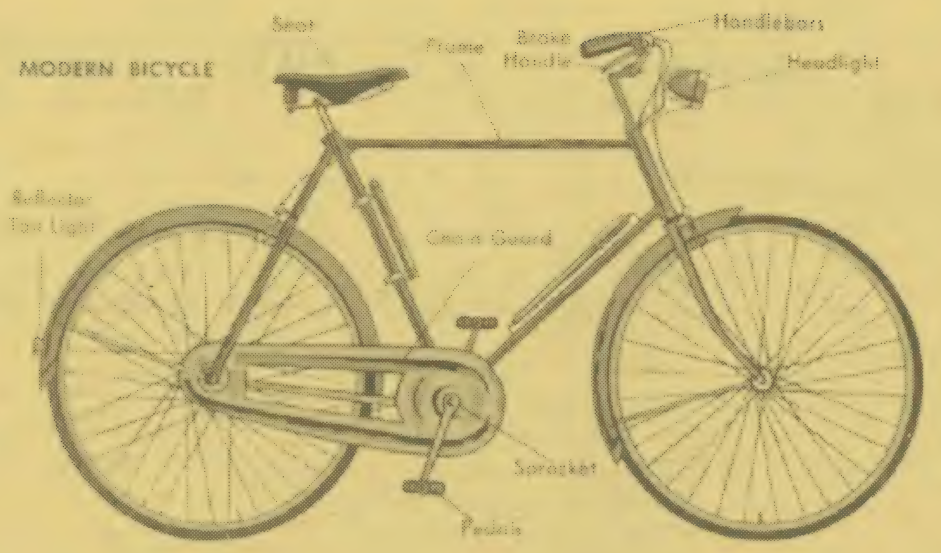
Every year at least 18 million animals are killed in the U.S. alone for product testing purposes.
For a list of companies to boycott check out www.peta-online.org



Delivering alternatives

by Jonathan Rothman

So it's 1999 and the hover cars are on the way, right? Sure. We haven't been a perfect species when it comes to air pollution from everyday sources like, say, cars. We've just maybe pulled a few eco-boners: a little greenhouse effect; some smog here and there. Okay let's have it out. We pollute our air a whole lot, especially in urban centres.

Delivery vehicles are just one of the major air pollution offenders that people like Steve Balyi are trying to stop. Balyi runs the show over at Bike Cart Age, a one-year-old company that describes itself as "The Zero Pollution Delivery Solution."

Balyi, a Victoria resident for six years, was "sick of the credit card society" when he arrived from the Maritimes. He sold the family car, opting to walk and bike around Victoria instead. And Bike Cart Age came with him.

As Chair of B.C.'s Environmental Network Caucus, Balyi attended the July 1997 Conference on Active Transportation in Toronto, all about "moving goods by bike." The conference held special significance because it followed Kyoto, Japan Conference on Climate Change held in January '97.

It was in Kyoto that Canadian representatives made a commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG's). Eighty per cent of all GHG's are pollutants from urban centers. The Toronto conference was a place for Balyi and others to discuss options of active transport.

Balyi said people are being transported efficiently — kabuki cabs and pedicabs and rickshaws—but what about cargo? How could city deliveries, major air pollution offenders due to the stop/start nature of business, be made more ecologically sound? The answer was bicycles, and Balyi has never looked back. An early project for Balyi involved adapting a passenger bike trailer into a flatbed bike cart that could carry 80 board feet of lumber.

"I felt empowered," said Balyi. He soon created Bike Cart Age and set out to design a "bigger, better, (cargo) purpose-built bike cart."

Bike Cart Age offers three sizes of carts, from the 100lb capacity "grocery cart" up to the 400 to 600 lb-capable "workhorse."

"People are aware of us," said Balyi.

In February of 1998, Bike Cart Age made the front page of the Times-Colonist, when they moved an entire two-bedroom apartment using only bike carts.

The company motto "Welcome to the Bike Cart Age," refers to Balyi's agenda. Established in 1998, the company plans to have 10 per cent of all urban cargo delivered by human-powered vehicle by the year 2001.

Balyi explained that 10 per cent of all Victorians use bicycles as their main form of transportation, compared to the less than one per cent in other Canadian cities. And it's not an issue of climate.

"To put it into an international context," said Balyi, "Germany has 25 per cent, Holland 35 per cent, and Belgium 28 per cent."

Less than one per cent of people in the USA use bikes — just like the rest of Canada.

"Ollie"

The Millennium Edition

all-terrain sport utility vehicle of the future

(helmet & rider not included)

more bike stuff

Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition (GVCC)
Largely responsible for the bicycle-friendly social climate in Victoria, the GVCC is headed by John Luton, whose apartment was moved by Bike Cartage in February 1998 (see story this page).
The GVCC has helped establish Victoria's bike lanes and extensions to the Galloping Goose Trail. Check out their newsletter, Cycle Therapy, call the GVCC at (250) 480-5155, or check out their website.
www.gvcc.bc.ca
To find out more about extending the Galloping Goose Trail to include Mckenzie Ave., from Quadra St. to UVic, go to www.town.birtle.mb.ca/galloping_goose.htm

Centre For Appropriate Transport (CAT)/Human Powered Machines, Eugene, Oregon.
A youth and education-based "non-profit organization committed to community involvement in manufacturing, using, and advocating sustainable modes of transportation."
Since 1992, the CAT has set up numerous programs involving hands-on education in the local youth community. Students in Eugene's secondary school system can get credits for learning how to build and maintain various types of bicycles, wheelchairs, and bike carts, as well as bicycle racks and even a statewide cycling publication.
CAT also runs Human-Powered Machines (HPM). HPM hand-builds their diverse array of bicycles with the help of teenage apprentices. From recumbent bicycles to 700 pound industrial haulers, HPM's perspective is that "one basic bike frame form limits the potential of human-powered transportation."
http://www. efn. org/~cat/

Seat of The Pants Co., Cheshire, England
The pride of the fleet is "The Pickup," a 41-pound, four-wheeled, steel-alloy delivery vehicle. Drivers sit in a semi-recumbent position while they commandeer "the Pickup" around merry Cheshire. Commercial applications have attracted a positive response from local businesses, particularly delivery companies. The use of "The Pickup" helps companies save on costly petrol and advertises their environmental consciousness.
http://popularmechanics.com/popmech/sci/tech/9803TUTRLM.html

The Martlet delivers by bike cart, too. Yours truly is the on-campus distribution co-ordinator and everyone can look for "Green Ollie" on campus. Say Hi!

Jonathan Rothman

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Corporations limit academic freedom

by Simon Rabinovitch

MONTREAL (CUP) – Corporate players are acquiring an increasingly large handle on authority in academia.

For instance, at McGill University this year there have been two controversial cases of corporate presence on campus: Coca-Cola became the school's exclusive pop supplier, while Chapters' acquired management of the university's bookstore.

With large cutbacks in government funding over the past decade, it is not surprising universities are looking to the private sector for funding. But for many schools this means turning towards a corporate model.

Nowadays, universities are run and managed more like big businesses. One can look at the McGill Board of Governors to see this trend.

Sitting on the Board — one of McGill's central decision making bodies — are John Cleghorn, CEO of the Royal Bank, David Kerr, CEO of Noranda Inc., and other high-ranking corporate executives. In contrast, academic staff hold only two gubernatorial positions. A recent report by the Canadian Association of University Teachers confirms this corporate trend across the country.

According to the report, over 850 corporations are now represented on the boards of Canada's universities. The Royal Bank has the greatest presence among university decision-makers with seats on 13 boards.

But a larger, more troublesome problem lies at the heart of the debate about corporations on campus.

The fostering of knowledge and research has always been a central tenet of universities. But academia's fruits, once held to be part of the public domain, are increasingly treated as privately owned, marketable goods. Moreover, corporate funding is a major source for universities' operational budgets.

A History of Involvement

The uneasy relationship between big business and universities is nothing new. In 1951, the Massey Royal Commission on the Arts, Letters and Sciences warned that commercial influences endangered the university's moral and intellectual purposes.

The Commission advised that public money be used to strengthen university independence. The federal government responded by granting $7 million to universities. This figure increased to $99 million in 1966 and up to $628 million in 1970.

By the mid-'70s universities were forced into a position of restraint. A nationwide economic slowdown combined with a renewal of public sector conservatism slimmed universities' budgets.

But despite the reduced funding, the number of students continued to grow. From 1970 to 1983, enrollment rose at a rate more than 15 times faster than public spending on post-secondary education.

At the same time, profit margins were slipping and the early stages of globalization saw competition stream in from abroad. Companies recognized the potential benefits of partnering with the academic world.

In what has been described by some scholars as a "marriage of convenience," technology poor businesses associated themselves with financially strapped universities.

Trafficking in Intellectual Property

Neil Tudiver, a professor of social work at the University of Manitoba and author of the recently published book *Universities For Sale*, coined the term "trafficking in intellectual property" to describe this trend.

Traditional universities produced knowledge through research and distributed it freely through publication and teaching.

The new corporate university views "knowledge as intellectual property, a commodity to be bought and sold," according to Tudiver.

The knowledge and research of academics does have profit potential, particularly in areas like engineering and health sciences.

Professors are encouraged, sometimes even pressured, to get patents on their work before anything is made public. When the work is sold, both the professor and the university benefit financially.

Universities also try to help academics make links with industries for the funding of projects.

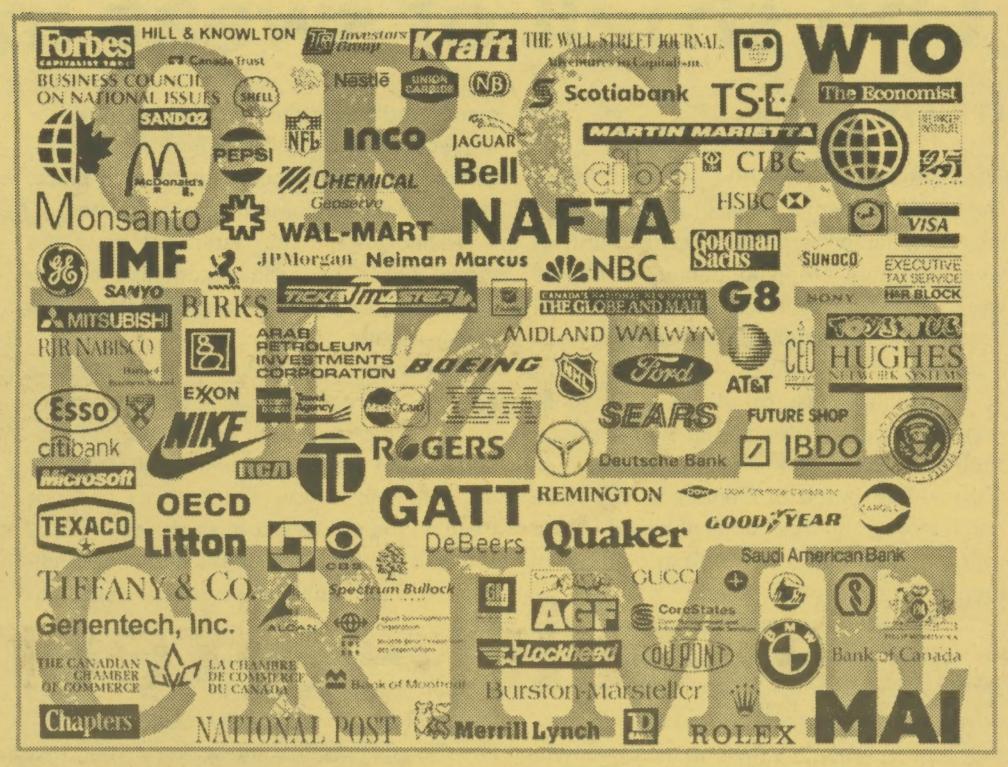
Many professors, like Dr. Hojatollah Vali from McGill's Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, believe these links are important.

"To some extent we need to go to corporations and industry. We are using taxpayers' money to conduct research and industries may eventually use our data without contributing anything," said Vali. "Getting industry support is positive."

Ironically, the federal government seems to be pushing academics towards the business world faster than university.

Ottawa's panel on the Commercialization of University Research was tabled last May for the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Science and Technology.

The panel recommended universities, via tenure and promotion policies, encourage faculty to engage in commercially viable research. As well, the report suggested that federal granting councils consider profit potential as a criterion for awarding research grants.



In the recent Speech from the Throne, the federal government restated its priority of making money off of intellectual property.

The government will "find new markets for new products and services developed through research by universities," said Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

The question, however, is to what extent should universities pursue these corporate objectives. In other words, will the humanities lose to the sciences in this new search for corporate dollars?

"[Commercialization] jeopardizes socially and culturally valuable research that may not be profitable, while encouraging research that makes money for the private sector but may be trivial," said Bill Graham, president of the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

The Corporate Compromise

Peter Desbarats, the former Dean of Journalism at the University of Western Ontario, told the *Globe and Mail* last June he was constrained by corporations.

As Dean, he had refused to comment on Rogers Communications' controversial takeover of Maclean Hunter in 1995 because Rogers had endowed his Faculty of Information Studies with a $1 million chair.

When corporations fund research, certain directives and stipulations may be issued — the most serious infringement on academic freedom possible. This has been seen in profitable areas of research, such as health sciences.

The story of Dr. Nancy Olivieri, a professor at Pediatrics and Medicine at the University of Toronto, is a clear example of this potential violation of academic freedom. Olivieri worked in the early 1990s at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children studying a drug for the treatment of thalassemia, a rare blood disorder.

She was funded by the pharmaceutical giant Apotex and had agreed not to publish her results without their consent. She discovered that in the long-term the drug was not beneficial and, in some instances, even harmful.

Olivieri published her results without the permission of Apotex. She believed it was unethical to hold back her findings and soon faced the consequences of her actions. She was demoted by the hospital after Apotex complained, although a public outcry eventually restored her position.

McGill Professor Malcolm Baines, from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, believes it is incumbent upon academic researchers not to sign contracts that unduly bind them in what they can and cannot do.

Nevertheless, the pressures of the university and granting agencies are considerable.

"It's almost being forced into a deal with the devil in some cases," said Baines.

Looking into the Future

Ottawa anticipates a surplus ranging between $65-$100 billion over the next five years. If funding for post-secondary education increases, a slight reversal in the commercialization trend is possible.

Academics would receive more from granting agencies, but they would still be expected to collaborate with companies on their research.

"I think that a university has to be able to serve the broadest community possible. It is moving towards serving the most powerful of the community: the corporate and wealthy sectors," said University of Manitoba Professor Neil Tudiver.

"We will lose a key resource of a democratic society if this continues. Without independent, autonomous monitoring of industry, industry is free to do what it wants."

(With files from the Ottawa Bureau Chief)

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The smell of sweat in our own backyards

By Petty Bozononelos

TORONTO (CUP) – For most Canadians, the word sweatshop conjures up images of factories in developing countries where women are paid pennies a day to work in tiny, hot rooms. Windows are painted over, the air is stiflingly hot and the work is tedious.

But what most of us don't know, or refuse to acknowledge, is that similar sweatshop conditions are found right here in Canada. The image of Canada as the "true north strong and free" does not hold true in regards to our continued exploitation of immigrant garment workers.

"It's often assumed that sweatshop operations and homeworking are a third world phenomenon," Roxanna Ng, an anti-sweatshop activist, told a press conference this past summer. "When in fact garment workers around the world face similar predicaments."

Roxana Ng's report on home sweatshops sent shock waves throughout Canada when it was released this past June. Ng argues that an overwhelming majority of women in the garment industry work under substandard conditions, especially those that eke out their living at home.

"All of the 30 women I interviewed were Chinese immigrants who worked below the standards provided by the Employment Standard Act, and anybody's working conditions that do not meet up to these standards are illegal," Ng affirmed in an interview.

One worker, who appeared with Ng at the June press conference, chose to remain nameless out of fear of repercussions for describing her working conditions. She was earning $3 to 4 per hour and working six hours per day to support herself and her four-year-old child.

Ng says that one of the key problems with the garment industry is that employment contracts are not written in stone. It is a piece-work business where the seamstresses gets paid according to each piece, i.e. a sleeve or a collar, that is completed.

Theoretically, the faster one sews the more pieces one can accomplish by the hour, and hence the greater the salary. The reality is quite different.

"It is difficult to calculate an hourly rate because salary is determined by each piece that is done," said Ng. "Employers and subcontractors employ a number of strategies to keep wages low. Contractors are not clear on the piece rate. It is a varied industry and it is hard to generalize, but the conditions applied to all the workers are substandard."

Ng says that although many of the women know they are in a bad situation, they feel that they have few options.

"These women know very well that they are being exploited," she said. "But the major reason why these women work at home is because there is no affordable childcare facility."

"If they work, most likely it will be a minimum wage job, and childcare will cost more than their salary. But if they do file a charge against their contractors they lose their jobs at home."

Lack of legal protection is one of the many hurdles that Canadian homeworkers face.

"These women have no protection," said Ng. "We don't have a good system in which the Ministry of Labour can inspect and monitor the working conditions of factory and home workers. If these workers will unionize then the union will play a part in this role of enforcing the labour laws."

Homeworkers Unite

Unionizing homeworkers is one of the many goals of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE).

UNITE was formed in 1995 through the merger of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union and the International Ladies

Garment Workers Union. UNITE represents 30,000 workers in Canada and over 250,000 workers internationally.

"We need to raise the public awareness of sweatshop conditions in Canada and globally, and ask ourselves what are we importing into Canada and what are we selling?" said Barb Anderson, a co-ordinator of UNITE. "Are we condoning abuses in garment and footwear industries in Canada and off-shore production?"

Last May, the federal government convened a task force and appointed former Liberal MP John English to bring together civil society groups along with retailers and manufacturers to try to develop a Canadian code of conduct. Since then, the Task Force has been engaged in drafting a code that sets out basic working standards as well as a way to monitor compliance.

"Both the government and the retailers have a responsibility in ensuring that seamstresses in the factory and the home work under decent conditions," said Anderson.

Alex Dagg, manager of UNITE, explains how homeworkers' rights are routinely being violated.

"We are finding routine violations of the Employment Standard Act by contractors and subcontractors," she explained. "These workers are not being paid the guaranteed minimum wage plus the 10 per cent increase, because they are working at home. None of them receive four per cent vacation pay, and none of the homeworkers we had interviewed ever received overtime pay."

UNITE has made two important recommendations to the federal government. First, it demanded that Human Resources Development Canada be "pro-active" and go to the companies and investigate rather than waiting for complaints to come forward. Second, UNITE recommends that HRDC allow anonymous complaints, in order to encourage immigrant women to come forward and voice themselves.

"There is not very much protection under the present Employment Standard Act," said Dagg. "It is a basic standard and does not guarantee these women's jobs if they file a complaint."

In 1996, the International Labour Organization (ILO) passed a convention on homeworkers that declared they had the right to organize and set international standards on decent working conditions.

Although Canada was present at the meeting, it did not ratify this convention because Ottawa said it dealt with provincial jurisdiction.

"Even though these standards are passed there is limited effectiveness if countries do not adopt them," said Dagg. "How do you strengthen international working standards if each country acts independently?"

Another strategy UNITE suggests is to place pressure on the manufacturers and retailers.

"Those who own the label, or who own the rights to the product that is being made should be made liable and equally responsible for the working conditions under which it is being made," Dagg said

The garment industry operates within a long chain of production, and it becomes very difficult to detect where the violations are being made, especially when there is a lot of blame shifting going on.

The retailers ultimately control the garment industry — they are the one's that call the shots, and the maximum profit goes to them. Those at the bottom of the chain, the seamstresses, end up being exploited. UNITE hopes that legal liability will force retailers to take responsibility

"If your name is on it, then you are responsible for how it is made," Dagg said.

Students get involved

The University of Toronto's own action group, Students Against Sweatshops (SAS), was formed in the fall of 1998.

"We want U of T to take responsibility for the way its clothing is being made," said member Ian Thomson.

SAS recently presented a draft of a code of conduct to U of T's Governing Council. The draft is based on the ILO's labour standards that apply to factories and homeworkers all over the world, such as living wages, safe working conditions, and the right to form a union. The code also demands the disclosure of factory locations. Currently the sources of U of T clothing are kept secret.

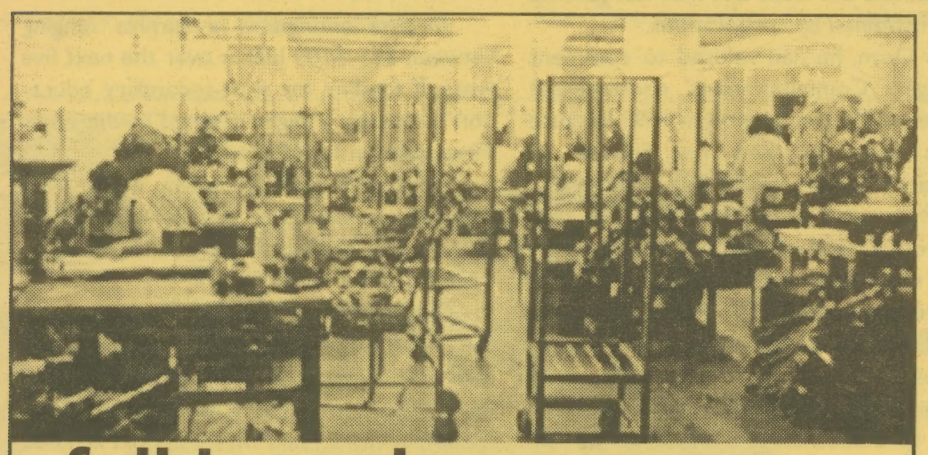
"We demand that they tell us in which factories U of T clothes are being made," said Thomson. "No more secrets! The code demands that the factory location must be made public."

The code of conduct is in the midst of being reviewed by U of T administration. It will then be presented to the Governing Council meeting for possible ratification.

U of T's University's Vice-President (Development and University Affaris) Jon Dellandrea was more emphatic when he spoke with *the Varsity*, the largest campus paper at U of T, last July.

"I myself would feel very uncomfortable wearing things made in a repressive work environment," he declared. But while he was clear on how he felt, he was less clear about what, if anything, should be done.

"How do you consistently evaluate a manufacturer over 14,000 kilometres away?" he asked. Some critics believe this is a valid question when the evidence shows we are unable to evaluate manufacturers in our own backyard.



fall into the wage gap

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Don't buy the WTO

by Tim Harvey

The most economically powerful people of the world, who've earned their "status" through the exploitation of workers, cultures, and the environment, are poised for what they see as their greatest exploit yet: a world takeover.

Akin to the aspirations of Pinky and the Brain, nothing less than total global domination of planet Earth is on their agenda. From the delivery of health care and education, to the ruthless harvest of resources, to the crushing of unions in pursuit of greater profit, every facet of our planetary and personal affairs is under attack.

A new global powerhouse has risen above nations and formed the planet's most powerful governing force: the WTO.

But anyone in the organization will tell you a different story.

WTO Director-General Michael Moore paints himself as a philanthropist. All the earth's problems, he says, can be solved with money, so lets make more of it. He'd like to eliminate trade barriers, and take away things like social safety nets and environmental legislation — these only stand in the way of greater earnings for the corporations. We've got to privatize. Hand everything to the corporate powers, and let them profit. And with those profits, says Moore, the rich will generously finance the solutions to the problems plaguing the earth. Genetically modified food will feed the starving. Billion-dollar projects will be launched to purify the water and the air. Everything will be all right.

My advice to you: don't buy it!

Can we afford to be led astray? These corporate powers will say and do whatever it takes to bewilder the public long enough to carry out their agenda. Included in every global trade deal they offer to world governments is an ominous clause: once you're in, there's no easy way out. Under the pressure of corporate interests, Canada has locked itself into a number of such deals. The resulting situation has always been far from their stated predictions.

Let's look at an example. NAFTA can be viewed as an early, small-scale prototype of the WTO. When Canada entered, we were told it was under the condition that our water would be protected (the fear was that water-starved US states would begin importing and grow dependant on an ever-increasing supply of Canadian water).

Much of the Canadian pubic bought into the lie — or was it a lie? Maybe the government just didn't understand the potential ramifications of what it had signed. Take a look at recent news: under threat of NAFTA sanctions (huge annual payments we'd be forced to make), Canada is afraid to legislate any protection of its water resources, and the U.S. is thirsty.

Canada and the world are at another crossroad. Corporations eagerly await a chance to turn their wet dreams into reality at Seattle's WTO meeting. Canada's government tells us we only stand to prosper: education, health care, social safety nets and the environment will be protected.

But look at the evidence: the WTO dispute settlement panel has decided, 100 per cent of the time, in favor of those fouling the environment, or exploiting humans.

Earth is spiralling downward through the sixth major extinction of geological history. Can we buy into their lies? Can we believe Moore when he promises to save the Earth he so eagerly destroys? Form your own opinion. Buy nothing. Find out for yourself.

Steal these songs: MP3s

by Scott Roberts

As quickly as the Internet became a massive corporate playground, it also became an even larger corporate nightmare.

This is especially true with respect to music. Pirated music is a huge commodity on the Internet and it shows no signs of slowing down. True to most hackers' manifestos, downloadable music gives people the opportunity to screw the record labels.

Free music on-line is most readily available in either MP3 file format or "streamed" audio. As streamed audio gets downloaded it is outputted through an audio player, the most common of which being the RealAudio players, and you then get to hear it as it comes in.

The greatest drawback for the consumer is that you have to download each track every time that you want to hear it. This makes the distributors happy. It is a great promotional tool, with nothing really tangible left in the consumer's pocket.

MP3 format is entirely different, both for the consumer and the record label.

Don't be confused by the jargon, MP3 is really nothing more than a file format (just like .doc, .zip or .txt), that it is used to store music information. The main difference between the file format (.wav), which is used to store music on normal cd's, and MP3 format, is size. Wav files are typically 40 to 50 megs while MP3s are only two to six megs per song. This not only allows for much quicker downloads, but it also takes much less space to store the information. This space saving factor lets you put hundreds of songs per cd, rather than 10 to 25.

This is the thing that frightens the music industry. The ease with which MP3s can be acquired and traded between individuals is overwhelming. Instead of loaning 20 songs to a friend on one cd, you are now able to share over 150 tracks per disc. And when you pass this 150 track disc to someone else, no one has or ever will make any money from it.

Their fear was especially apparent last year when major record labels lobbied the Canadian and American governments to impose a 100 per cent tax on all recordable cd's, with the proceeds from it going to these corporate giants. The tax was supposed to be implemented in Canada, on Jan. 1, 1999, and sent wide spread panic throughout the entire information technology industry, and anyone with a cd writer in their home. People were buying up recordable cd's like they were about to double in price overnight. Fortunately, neither governments imposed the tax.

The corporate superstars were then forced to go a different route to combat these evil hackers. They went about finding these MP3 sites and having their Internet service providers shut them down based on the fact that these sites were proliferating illegal trade.

Unfortunately, it was too late. MP3s had already caught on and there was no way that anyone could stop them. MP3s can be found in abundance all over the Internet. You pick the genre.

Many newsgroups also feature heavy amounts of downloadable MP3s. The advantage to the newsgroup is that it is a little more interactive. You can request albums and people will post them for download.

So go on-line and take on the world, or at least the record labels that reap huge profits off your musical taste.

Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

by Käthe Lemon

culture *(kul´cher) n. 1. The training, development and refinement of mind, morals and taste. 2. The condition thus produced: refinement: enlightenment.*

At some point culture became an industry, and a big money maker. It's time to look at the implications of more and more of our cultural industries being owned by fewer and fewer companies.

Watch a movie, rent a video, watch TV, read a book, go to a theme park. Chances are you're supporting one of the world's largest media conglomerates—Viacom.

With the relaxation of United States' laws on television channel ownership, Viacom, owners of Paramount Studios, bought CBS for $37 billion in stock, making it the largest media buyout ever.

In the past decade, while other major networks have soared, CBS has faltered. Without a relation to a major studio, its programming has become stale and often aimed at an age bracket much higher than that of ABC (owned by Disney) or FOX (Twentieth Century Fox). So will this buyout bring CBS much needed sprucing up from the Paramount team? Probably.

Bigger budget will mean that CBS will have more resources to pull from for programming. Shows will be glitzier and hipper. But not necessarily any different from anything we're already seeing.

In fact, what is most likely to happen is that there will now be no possible way to get away from a Paramount product.

Viacom is everywhere and is implicated in every facet of the media industry. The company owns MTV, VH-1, Nickelodeon, CMT, Nashville Network, UPN, Noggin (a channel for pre-schoolers), Famous Players, Blockbuster Video, Paramount Theme Parks, Simon and Shuster Books and with CBS they get King World Productions (distributors of the Oprah Winfrew Show among others) and a billboard unit.

However, we're almost used to this kind of media control by now. There has been a reversal in the government regulation over media control in the past decade. In the late sixties, the US government was busy making laws that prohibited one company from having too much control of the media. In a strange reversal, CBS actually owned Viacom until 27 years ago, when stricter regulations forced them to separate.

But over the past decade the news has been full of media mergers — Time and Warner, Seagrams and Polygram, and of course, closer to home Canadian Conrad Black's ever widening empire.

The implications of market control are obvious. Fewer choices available to the consumer, less competition usually resulting in higher prices. But when this happens in a cultural industry, the implications are a lot more threatening. Fewer choices can mean that only one side of the culture is shown, that only certain view points are portrayed. Through TV and books we learn what our society thinks is acceptable to think and do. When fewer points are being portrayed it is easy to influence the public's thoughts.

When Viacom makes a movie it is guaranteed to be shown in the theatres it owns, the video is guaranteed to be in its video stores, the movie shown on its channels, the spin-off record heard on MTV, the spin-off books published by Simon and Shuster, perhaps even flogged on Oprah's Book Club.

Large cultural industries may be able to give us glitzy product, but often it doesn't do us any good. It may look good, but we're getting the Wonder Bread version instead of the whole wheat.

on november 26 BUY NOTHING

Things that are very free

by Bree Horel

Laughing at a joke. Hugging a friend. Swimming in a lake on a hot day. Holding a new baby. Climbing an old oak tree. Sharing a smile, an adventure, a moment, an understanding, or a bath with someone.

What are the things that are the most important in your life? Many of my absolute favourite memories didn't cost any money.

So why are we all enslaved to cash? Why work tireless hours at jobs we hate just to pay the bills and go through the routines of bars, movies and expensive dinners when what we are all really looking for is completely free? The system is set up so that it's easy to spend money and requires effort to think up something to do for free. Why are we letting coloured paper with pretty pictures control us this way? Screw the system! Humans have lived 99.9 per cent of our existance without money, and got along just fine, with less stress on ourselves and the environment.

The key to living without money is respect for the earth, the elderly, and for the important role played by every individual in the group. Doesn't sound too terrible.

We are letting money have way too much control over the values of our society. Many problems, both local and global, can be traced directly to the "money! money! money!" mentality.

It's thinking like this that leads to the rainforests being chopped down and whole ecosystems being destroyed. All the trees are worth is in their dollar value and the cash they can add to the economy. Not looking at any other value, we are running a frantic race to turn every resource into cash.

Pretty soon all that will remain is a gigantic pile of money and nothing left to spend it on. Money is only paper, a symbol of something else. Well maybe we should skip the symbolism and deal directly with the goods!

It makes much more sense to grow food from the ground and eat it than for someone in a foreign country to grow it, trading labour for money, then for the food to be shipped using money, processed and packed and sold and resold on and on and on... So much time and energy and extra steps are put in so that we can go to the grocery store. And we say it's easier this way?

I'm not asking anyone to start burning $100 bills and throwing away their cell phones. Don't be threatened, I'm not going to sneak into your houses and replace your Nintendos with gardening tools.

I'm just asking you to take a look at your own life and see for yourself where you let money control what you do. Think about the things that you really love to do, and try to connect with what's real in your life.

Call some friends and go climb Mt. Tolmie. Go swim in that cold lake. Hold that baby. Kiss that girl. Breathe some fresh air and be glad to be part of this earth.

You are the only one who can make choices for yourself. You're the one who's free.

Enough already!

by Miranda Post

The average university student lives below the poverty line, a magical number the federal government cooks up equalling $12,000 a year — enough to meet their basic needs.

But just what is enough for students in our culture of consumers?

Enough is a pitcher of beer on Fridays and Saturdays, a full belly on a daily basis and the niftiest new clothes on the market. Often, post-secondary scholars weasel away enough money to go home for Christmas holidays, perhaps the odd reading break getaway.

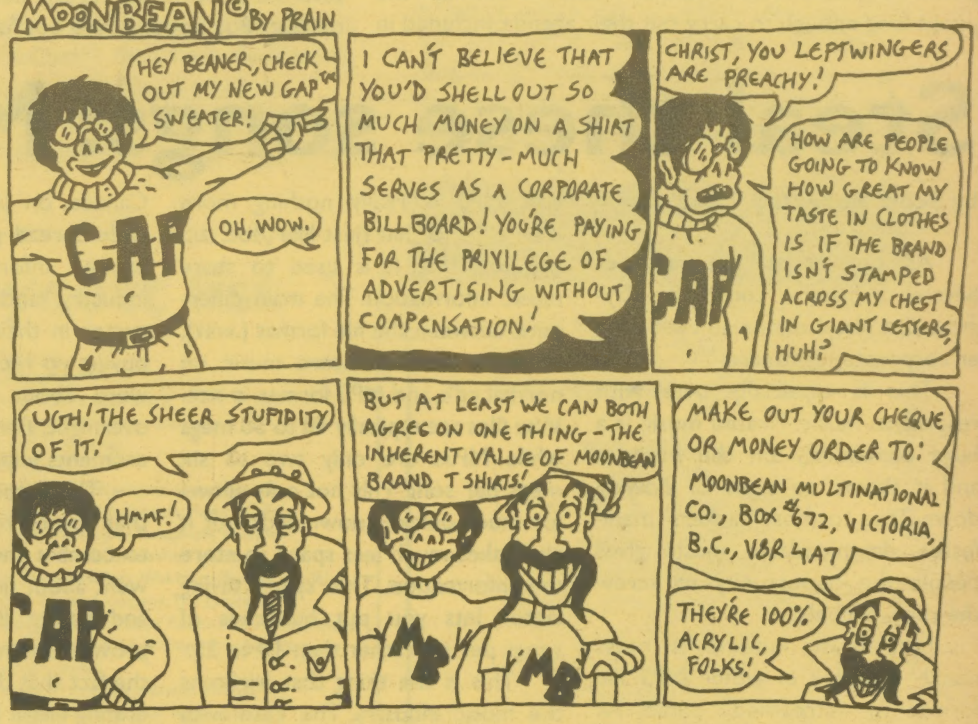
Meanwhile, enough for many people below the poverty level means enough to pay the rent, support a child or two and allow for a sparse holiday season. Enough for the single mother is not spending grocery dollars on Oreos, Homo milk or Breyer's ice cream. Enough is oatmeal, jam sandwiches and no-name juice crystals.

I knew a noon-hour supervisor who recounted lunch time tales about kids whose parents didn't pack them a lunch. These kids would dig through the "free food" box that other children threw unwanted lunch articles into: bruised apples, granola bars and warm bologna sandwiches.

The free food gang depended on the orange rubber bin to fill their neglected stomachs. And the donators filled their tummies with Smores, Smarties and soft drinks, saying they'd had enough and race outside.

To have enough of something implies that there is a fair amount, as much as is needed to satisfy a desire. Many free food kids may continue on to university. How quickly the free food kids may forget what enough was at 10 year old with no lunch. Later, as young adults, they may spend their below poverty level funds on enough drugs and enough Starbucks and enough Gap.

TROUBLE ON THE HOME FRONT... BY Tim Harvey
DAD, WHAT'S YOUR JOB?
I RUN THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION.
OVER-POPULATING NATIONS
WHY?
SON... WITHOUT THE W.T.O. RUNNING THE PLANET, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE, THE ECONOMY, WOULD STAGNATE. WE NEED TO CUT MORE TREES, FASTER, BUILD MORE CONDOS, MORE DAMS, CATCH MORE FISH, TURTLES, AND PAVE MORE LAND. GROWTH IS ALWAYS THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING, SON. DON'T THEY TEACH YOU THAT IN SCHOOL?
CENTER FOR DISMANTLING DEMOCRACY
NO
WELL, THEY DAMN WELL SHOULD!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE PRIVATIZING THE EDUCATION SECTOR.
BUT DAD, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE RUN OUT OF ROOM TO GROW? WILL THE PLANET GET BIGGER?
SHUT UP, SON. GO TO McDONALD'S.
YOU MIGHT LEARN SOMETHING THERE.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CHRIST, YOU LEFTWINGERS ARE PREACHY!
HOW ARE PEOPLE GOING TO KNOW HOW GREAT MY TASTE IN CLOTHES IS IF THE BRAND ISN'T STAMPED ACROSS MY CHEST IN GIANT LETTERS, HUH?
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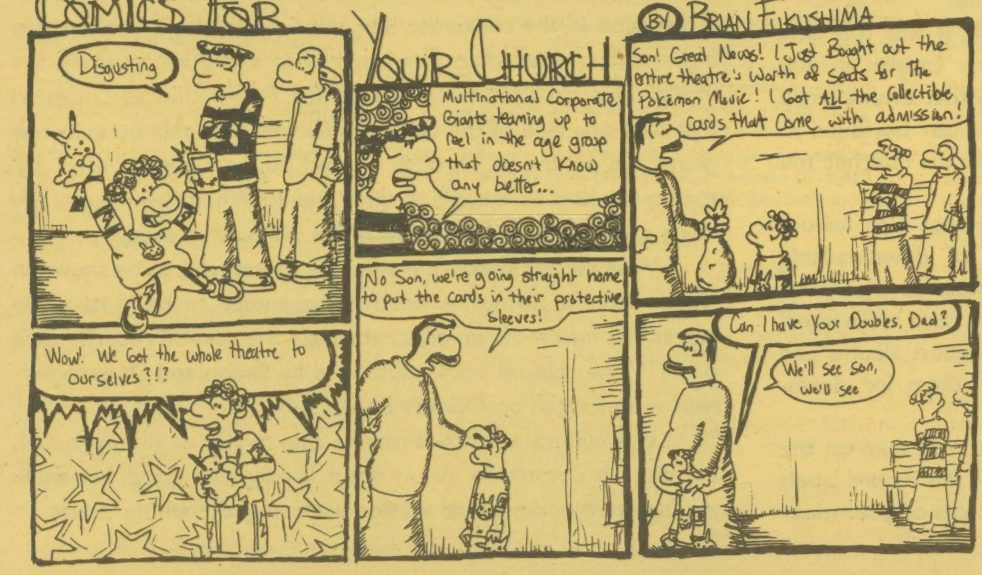
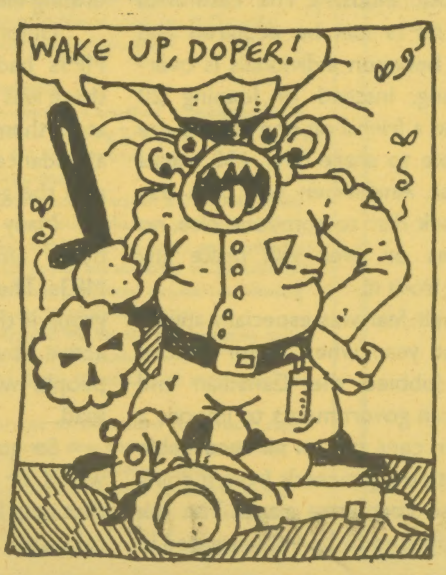

COMICS FOR YOUR CHURCH
BY BRIAN FUKUSHIMA
Disgusting
Multinational Corporate Giants teaming up to reel in the age group that doesn't know any better...
Son! Great News! I Just Bought out the entire theatre's worth of seats for The Pokemon Movie! I Got ALL the Collectible Cards that Come with admission!
No Son, we're going straight home to put the cards in their protective sleeves!
Wow! We Got the whole theatre to ourselves?!?
Can I have Your Doubles, Dad?
We'll see son, we'll see



DON'T BUY DIDDLY ™
RUN AROUND YOUR HOME NAKED (HINT: CLOSE THE CURTAINS)
GIVE AWAY OLD CLOTHES.
TAKE A WALK
APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE

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